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A DEMOCRAT ARRIVES IN ITALY

London, To-day.
In comparing the enthusiastic greeting accorded Mr. Chamberlain in Rome with the Hitler visit, the "Daily Herald" points out that no special guards were considered necessary to ensure Mr. Chamberlain's safety, there was no activity by secret police, no arrests of suspects and no special cheering groups.—Reuter.

NAZI COMMENT ON PREMIER'S ROME VISIT

Berlin, To-day.
The visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to Rome forms the subject of an article in the "Diplomatisch Politische Information", connected with the German Foreign Office, in which it is said that the visit does not merely put a seal on the Anglo-Italian agreement.

It would be more correct to say that the agreement will furnish a starting point for conversations which, it is to be hoped, will serve to produce further developments that will claim the attention also of those not directly concerned.

The semi-official organ contends that the status quo in the Mediterranean is a conception which is far from corresponding to realities.

There had been a shifting of the balance of power in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the case of Spain it remained to be seen whether her independence could be restored after heavy sacrifices or whether international forces would continue to endeavour to artificially impede the process of regeneration. Italy's position in the Mediterranean has completely changed and the world cannot be blind to the claims which she puts forward.

The Mediterranean was also of vital importance for the British Empire and the establishment of stable conditions there was, therefore, of great moment for the British Government.

The British statesmen would be able to obtain in Rome a more precise notion than was possible at distance of the significance of the problem.

The paper concludes by saying that Germany hopes, in the interest of Europe, that the Rome conversations will lead to a result that will satisfy the expectations of her Italian friend and at the same time will correspond to the reasonable aspirations of all.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.
The Rome correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's toast at the Rome banquet last night was considered in foreign diplomatic circles in the Italian capital as far warmer and more complete than Mussolini's.

The correspondent adds that the impression is that Mussolini is holding in reserve his real intentions.

All that has passed between the two statesmen hitherto is in the nature of moral preparation for some great surprise.—Reuter.

SUGGESTION FOR MAKING HIS PEACE WITH FRANCE

Rome, To-day.
Unconfirmed reports state that in his first talk with the Duce, Mr. Chamberlain outlined views on settlement of the Franco-Italian dispute.

Mr. Chamberlain suggested that it would be easier for the French Government to deal with the entire complex of questions in direct negotiations with Rome if immediate orders were given to call off French campaign in the Italian press.—Trans-Ocean.

SCHACHT PLAN NOT ACCEPTED

Berlin, To-day.
It is understood that Mr. Rublee when he met Dr. Schacht yesterday, informed the Reichsbank president that the scheme advanced by Dr. Schacht in London was not acceptable, but might be considered as a basis for discussion.

An international loan of not less than £500,000,000 is involved in the German proposals.—Trans-Ocean.

VICTORIA FIRE TRAGEDIES

Melbourne, To-day.
Twenty have been burned to death and 22 are missing as a result of the disastrous bush fires which are sweeping Victoria in the regions round Melbourne.—Reuter.

BILLIONS SPENT ON ARMAMENTS LAST YEAR

London, To-day.
The League of Nations Armaments Year Book reveals that over £3,400,000,000 was spent on armaments in 1938, which is £600,000,000 greater than in 1937.

This does not include auxiliary works like the cost of construction of aerodromes and strategic roads and it does not include the German figures of rearmament costs, which are not available.—Reuter.

building, ammunition and armaments.

Mikhail Kaganovich, the Defence Industry Commissar, becomes Commissar for Aviation.—Reuter.

SOVIET DEFENCE REORGANISATION

Moscow, To-day.
The Soviet Defence Industry Commissariat has been reorganised, and there will now be four Commissariats—aviation, ship-

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Another Warning By Mr. Winston Churchill

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Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Chingford, Essex, said that, while the Mediterranean was being thrown into increasing disturbance by Italy's demands, which were preoccupying France, the Nazi dictator was on the verge of a further movement in the East of Europe.

"We do not know which direction it will take," Mr. Churchill added.

"Since Munich and the destruction of Czechoslovakia he has had so many choices open that his trouble is which to take first; whether it should be Memel or Danzig; whether he will stir up Polish Ukrainians against Poland or the Transylvania population against Rumania no one can tell, but everything points to an early resumption of Nazi aggression and no concerted resistance being made against it."

Signor Mussolini, he went on, so far from being appeased by Britain and French recognition of his so-called conquest of Abyssinia, had set on foot an agitation for Nice, Corsica and Tunis.

"BLACKMAIL THREATS"

"Many people ask why should we rearm and make all kinds of exceptional exertions if it is only to grovel to the dictators and aid them in their domination of democracy I cannot agree to that. However much we may deplore the leadership, or want of leadership, we conceive it as our duty to do our utmost for our country and the cause of freedom.

"Whatever happens, we must try night and day, all parties, to put this country in a position where it can no longer be blackmailed by the threat of air bombing.

"I am asked: 'What is the foreign policy that would unite the country; that would make it possible for all parties to co-operate?' The answer is plain. It is to gather together all the forces of resistance to the aggression of dictators and to make a common cause so far as is still possible with other like-minded nations.

"But that is not enough. We must go farther if there is to be national unity or international action. The ideal must be set up to which the eyes and thoughts of our manhood and womanhood can be directed.

THE RULE OF LAW

"It must be an ideal larger than that of national or imperial greatness; larger even than that of national safety. There must be the assurance that some august international tribunal shall be established which will uphold and enforce and itself obey the rule of law.

"So far from abandoning what is left of the League of Nations, or whittling down its powers till it becomes a little more than a debate assembly, we must proclaim our resolve to clothe it with even greater powers and by our exertions to furnish it with the armed force which will make its judgments respected."

Mr. Churchill, who was addressing a League of Nations Union meeting, said that last year had been a year of disaster and humiliation. "Moreover," he observed, "we are not at the end of our troubles. On the contrary, as everyone knows, an

BRITISH PAPERS SEIZED IN GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 6.

Many British newspapers, including "The Times," were seized upon their arrival on German soil this morning. The motives for the seizure have not yet been revealed.—Havas.

even more unpromising phase lies before us. But Britain and France will have to face in 1939 even more serious dangers with resources, both material and moral, which have become relatively weak."

By throwing the Republic of Czechoslovakia to the wolves to be devoured, and throwing open the whole east and centre of Europe to Nazi appetite and domination, they had gained not peace based on confidence and hope, but an uneasy and precarious breathing space, in which every nation in the world was redoubling its efforts to rearm.

There were a number of interruptions during Mr. Churchill's speech, and several people were ejected.

HITLER'S A.D.C. TO VISIT LONDON

Capt. Wiedemann, Herr Hitler's personal A. D. C., will pay another visit to London, according to present arrangements, in the second half of January.

It is thought in Berlin that the time has come to re-establish contact between the British and German Governments. Capt. Wiedemann is regarded as the most suitable envoy for a delicate but unofficial mission of this sort.

The subjects to be discussed during the visit will depend upon international developments. It is expected that Capt. Wiedemann will arrive in London soon after the return of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax from Rome.

CHINESE ALLEGED SHOT BY ITALIAN NAVAL GUARD

Shanghai, To-day.

At an early hour yesterday morning an unknown Chinese coolie was seriously wounded by rifle bullets in Ferry Road near the Gordon Road Police Station.

The man was admitted to hospital where his condition is serious.

The shots are alleged to have been fired by a Italian sailor who was on duty at the Italian Camp in Ferry Road.

The cause of the incident has not yet been disclosed as the police and the Italian authorities are still investigating. — Our Own Correspondent.

Berlin, To-day.

German nationality has been withdrawn from 114 persons, states a notice published in the official "Gazette."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH AGENT ALLOWED TO SEE MR. GOLDING

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ACTING BRITISH AGENT AT BURGOS HAS NOW RECEIVED PERMISSION TO SEE THE BRITISH PROCONSUL, MR. ERNEST GOLDING, WHO WAS ARRESTED BY THE SPANISH NATIONALISTS ON AN ESPIONAGE CHARGE, AND HIS WIFE.

The Agent is proceeding to San Sebastian, where the Goldings are detained.

It is also understood that a written reply from the Nationalist Government will be sent in the immediate future to the British Government's request for information regarding the arrest of Mr. Golding.—Reuter.

NO COMPLAINTS

London, To-day.

Information was received last night that Mr. Jerram, Acting British Agent in Burgos, has visited Mr. Golding in Ondaretta Prison, and Mrs. Golding and Senora Lagarde, a clerk in San Sebastian, who are in the Woman's Hostel used for female prisoners.

They stated that they had no complaint to make of their treatment while under detention.—British Wireless.

TRINIDAD STOPS JEWISH IMMIGRATION

Port-of-Spain (Trinidad),

To-day.

Owing to the growing influx of Jewish refugees into Trinidad, the immigration of refugees from Central Europe has been banned after January 15 by a special proclamation of the Governor and Executive Council.

The order applies to all countries south of Belgium and east of France.

The ban was issued on "economic reasons."

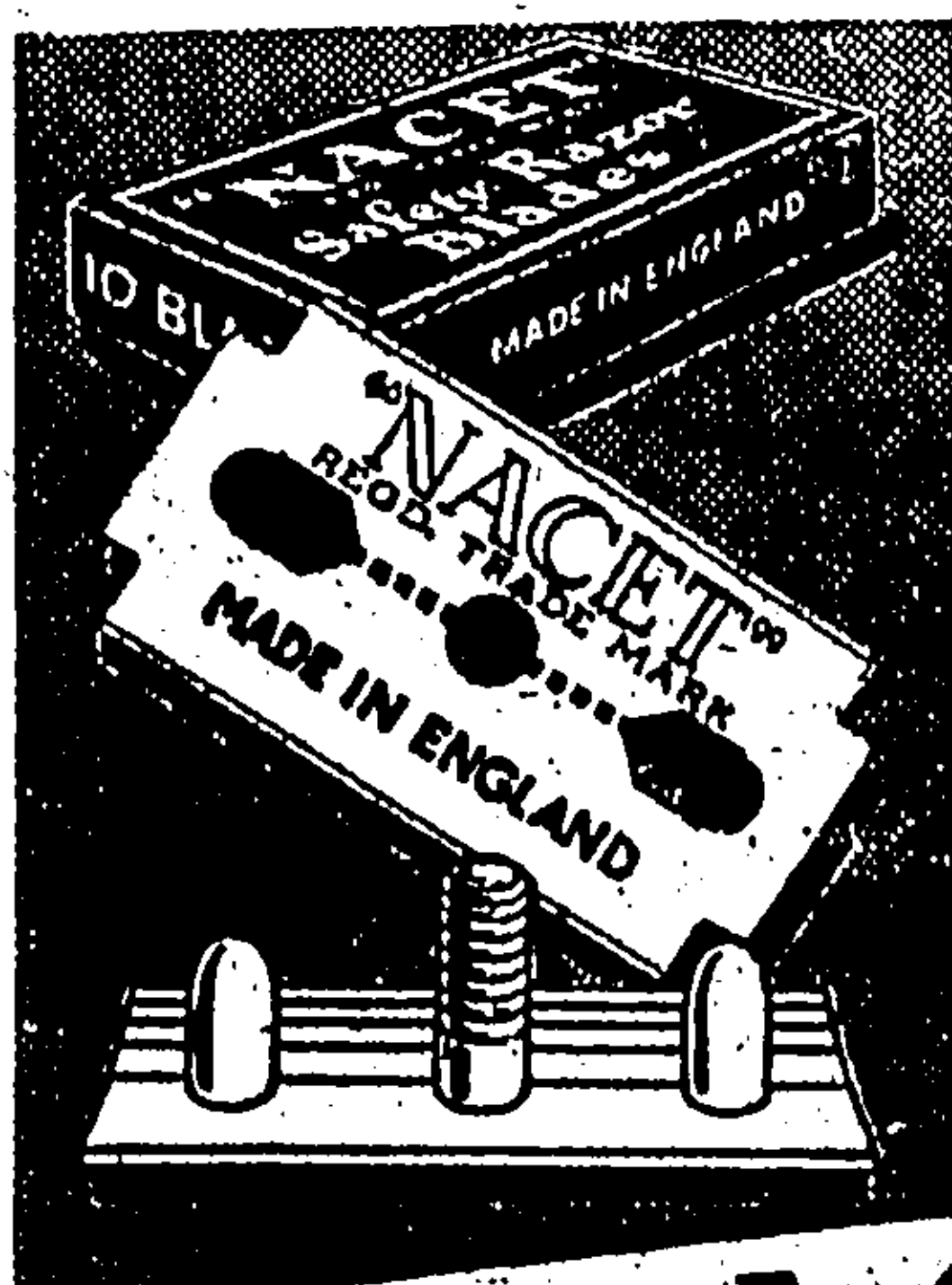
Five hundred Jews who have entered Trinidad in the past three months will presumably be allowed to stay.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

During the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, there were altogether 63 traffic accidents in the Colony as the result of which 4 persons were killed and 29 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese female, age 36, was knocked down and killed by a private motor car and the other, a Chinese male, age 58, by a public motor car.

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WAR OFFICE AND 4.5 AA GUN CONTROVERSY

London, To-day.

In a statement relating to the supply of anti-aircraft guns, issued last night, the War Office says that the 4.5 inch weapon is being provided on a scale commensurate with its relationship to the defences as a whole.

In considering possible expansion of the defences, factors which have to be taken into account include simplification of training and maintenance of ease of ammunition supply and standardisation of stores.

These, among other factors, together with considerations of speed of production, have all to be weighed in determining the relative pro-

ENTER MR. EDEN --EXIT "HITLER"

Mr. Anthony Eden arrived to see "Hellzapoppin," New York's most hilarious show, last night, during a sketch showing Hitler beating his chest and shouting, "I'm not afraid of anybody."

At that moment another actor shouted, "Here comes Anthony Eden!"

As Eden entered "Hitler" made his exit through a window.

portions between 3.7 inch and 4.5 inch guns.

The War Office statement intimates that no further orders for the 4.5 inch type are at present being placed.—British Wireless.

Premier Reminded Of Spanish Raids

London, To-day.

Two telegrams have been sent to Mr. Neville Chamberlain protesting against the Nationalist bombings in Spain, according to the Spanish press agency.

One is signed by "The bereaved mothers of Spain." It states that the mothers of Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona have witnessed their children mutilated by bombs from foreign aircraft.

"While the Rome conversations are being held we appeal to you from the depths of our heart and suffering to stop these unspeakable and barbarous bombardments."

The second telegram is from the captains of British ships at Barcelona.

PROTECTION DEMANDED

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**YOUNG
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London, Jan. 5.

The conference of the Federation of the Conservative and Unionist Universities Associations was held at Caxton Hall here to-day.

Two messages from Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Earl Baldwin of Bewdley were read, in which both congratulated British youth for taking an interest in international problems.

The conference rejected by fourteen votes to ten a motion submitted by M. A. Strachey of Cambridge University approving the efforts of the Government "secure a sure foundation for a lasting and peaceful settlement of Europe, particularly its policy of renewing friendship with Italy."—Havas.

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COLONY DIVIDED INTO
SPECIAL WARDEN DISTRICTS**

The measures for safeguarding the civil population against the effect of air attack have become a necessary part of the defensive organisation of any country which is open to air attack, says Wing Commander Steele-Perkins, the Colony's Air Raids Precautions Officer, in a communication to the press.

The need for A.R.P., he says, is not related to any belief that war is imminent. It arises from the fact that the risk of attack from the air, however remote it may be, is a risk that cannot be ignored, and because preparations to minimise the consequences of attack from the air cannot be improvised on the spur of the moment but must be made if they are to be effective in time of peace.

One of the most important measures is the formation of a body of Air Raid Wardens whose duty would be to advise their neighbours and see that they are given the necessary information as to the methods which can be adopted to protect themselves from the effect of splinters from high explosive bombs, incendiary bombs and the methods of making their rooms gas proof. In addition in time of war their duties would consist of reporting the damage which may have been caused by the fall of bombs etc.

For this purpose the Colony has been divided up into the undermentioned districts and the following have very kindly consented to form sub-committees for the purpose of allocating Air Raid Warden Posts and recruiting the necessary number of personnel, both men and women to man these posts:—
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Western Division—divided into four districts under control of Mr. H. W. Leyden, c/o P.W.D. Hong Kong.

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Convener—Mr. Lau King Tsing, 171, Wing Lok Street.

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Convener—Mr. Ng Wa, 1, Ning Yeung Terrace.

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Convener—Mr. Wong Kak Tsun, 18, Caine Road.

Eastern Division District "E"—bounded by Kennedy Road, Queen's Road East, Stubbs Road, Tai Hang Road to Wang Fung Terrace.

Convener—Mr. Ngan Shing Kwan, 64, Kennedy Road.

District "F"—bounded by Arsenal Street, Hennessy Road, Causeway Bay and Gloucester Road.

Convener—Mr. Woo Hang Kam, 48, Kennedy Road.

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(West of Nathan Road).

Convener—Mr. Wat Pak U, 44, Nathan Road.

Sham Shui Po District—Convener—Mr. Wong Pak Kan, 19, Peiho Street.

Hung Hom District—Convener—Mr. Wong Kwong Ping, 170, Ma Tau Wei Road.

NEW TERRITORIES

Being investigated by Mr. G. P. Murphy of P.W.D.

It is requested that any members of the public who desire to join this organisation and so assist their fellow members, should forward their names to the Chairman of the Sub-committee in the district in which they live.

The necessary training of Air Raid Wardens will be carried out under the supervision of trained anti-gas and Air Raid Warden Instructors.

"I should like to take this opportunity," says Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, "of expressing my sincere gratitude to the conveners and members of all Sub-committees for the excellent progress they have made in the formation of their committees, and the very constructive remarks which have been forwarded to the Main Sub-Committee."

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Hamilton Fish On The No-War Path Again

Washington, To-day.

Representative Hamilton Fish has introduced a constitutional amendment providing that United States citizens could be drafted for military service overseas only after a popular referendum.

Mr. Fish declared that the amendment would not hamstring defence because it excepted the entire Western Hemisphere and United States possessions overseas.

While Congressmen believe the Fish Amendment has small chance of success, the drive to enact the Ludlow Referendum has gained force, some sources being of the opinion that the Senate might block it but that it would get through the House of Representatives quite easily.

Meanwhile, the embargo on arms exports to Spain remains in the spotlight.

PART OF NEUTRALITY

Reuter learns that members of the Administration are now inclined to feel that the embargo is not a subject for isolated action but should be regarded as part of the neutrality problem as a whole.

The Administration desires to liquidate the Neutrality Statute entirely as at present written, but would be willing if pressed sufficiently to retain the mandatory cash and carry principle.

CASH AND CARRY

Thus, if and when the Neutrality Act has been dispensed with, it might be possible to permit Spaniards to purchase materials here on a cash and carry basis.

It would still be necessary specifically to withdraw the existing embargo, but once the principle of neutrality on which the embargo is based was gone, the embargo might be withdrawn without the political consequences which would attend such an act to-day.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT NAVAL CRUISE

New York, To-day.

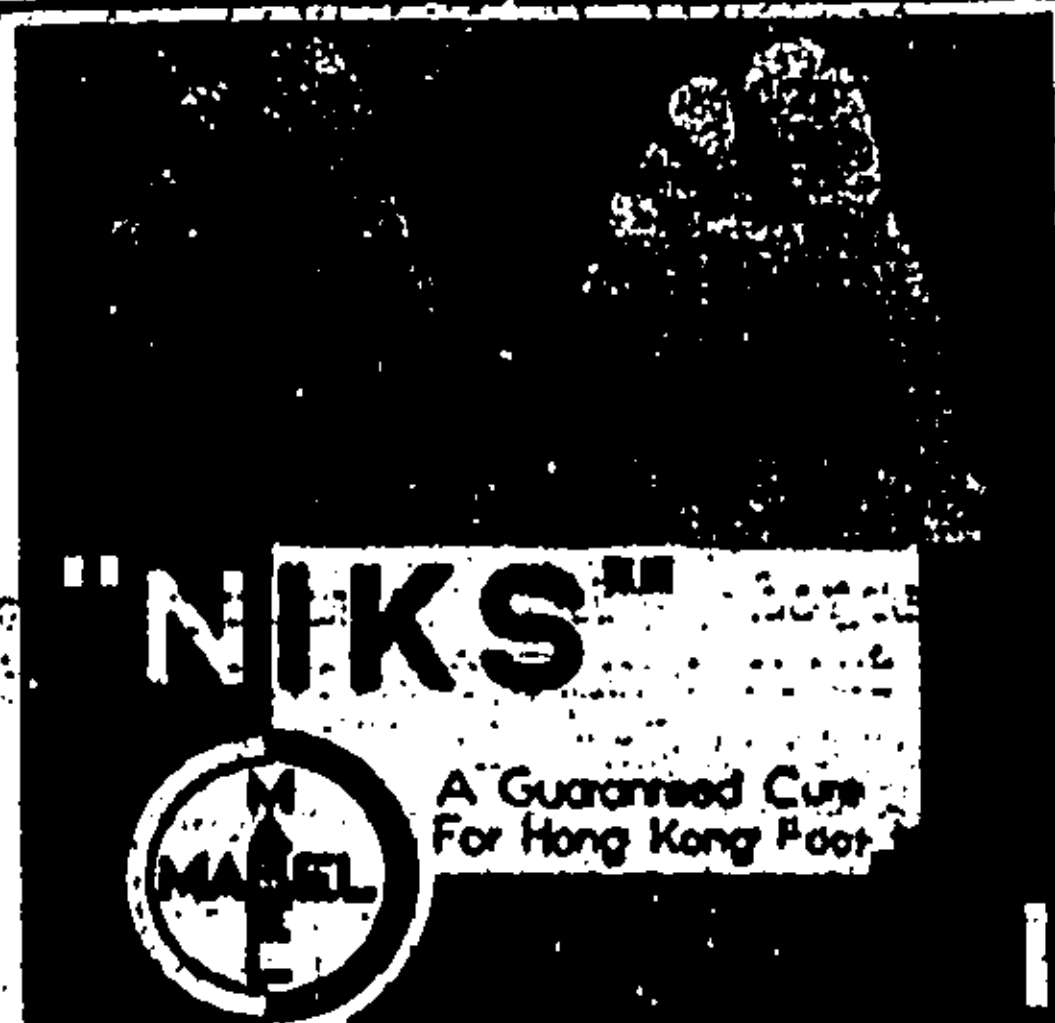
President Roosevelt will leave on January 20 aboard the cruiser Houston for a recreation cruise on the Atlantic and the Caribbean Sea.

The President will witness part of the American naval manœuvres during the journey.—Trans-Ocean.

MOBILE FIRST AID POSTS FOR A.R.P.

London, To-day.

The possibility of mobile first aid posts is among the subjects discussed in a circular to local authorities issued last night by the Minister of Health, who is responsible for these medical aspects of A.R.P.—British Wireless.



INCREASED STRENGTH OF GERMAN ARMY

Berlin, To-day.

The German army, after the reorganisation following the events of last year, consisted, at the end of 1938, of 18 army corps with 39 infantry divisions, three mountain divisions, four light divisions, five armoured divisions, one cavalry brigade, and various detachments of frontier guards, according to official figures now available.

In connection with the incorporation of the former Austrian army, two new army corps, the 17th and 18th, have been formed in the Ostmark and are united in the 5th army group, with headquarters at Vienna, while the Sudeten German areas are incorporated in neighbouring military districts.

Owing to the increase of manpower in the Sudetenland, the 46th division and also one armoured division have been formed in that region.

For reasons of organisation the 6th army group, with headquarters at Hanover, as well as the 14th, 15th and 16th army corps, with headquarters in Magdeburg, Jena and Berlin respectively, have also been formed.

NEW MACHINE-GUN

In the course of last year, the rearming of the army with a new type of machinegun known as MG 34 and with grenadethrowers was begun.

The rifle battalions have been provided with light grenadethrowers and heavy machine guns.

Balloon detachments have been reintroduced into the artillery which again have captive balloons at its disposal for observation purposes as was the case in the world war.—Trans-Ocean.

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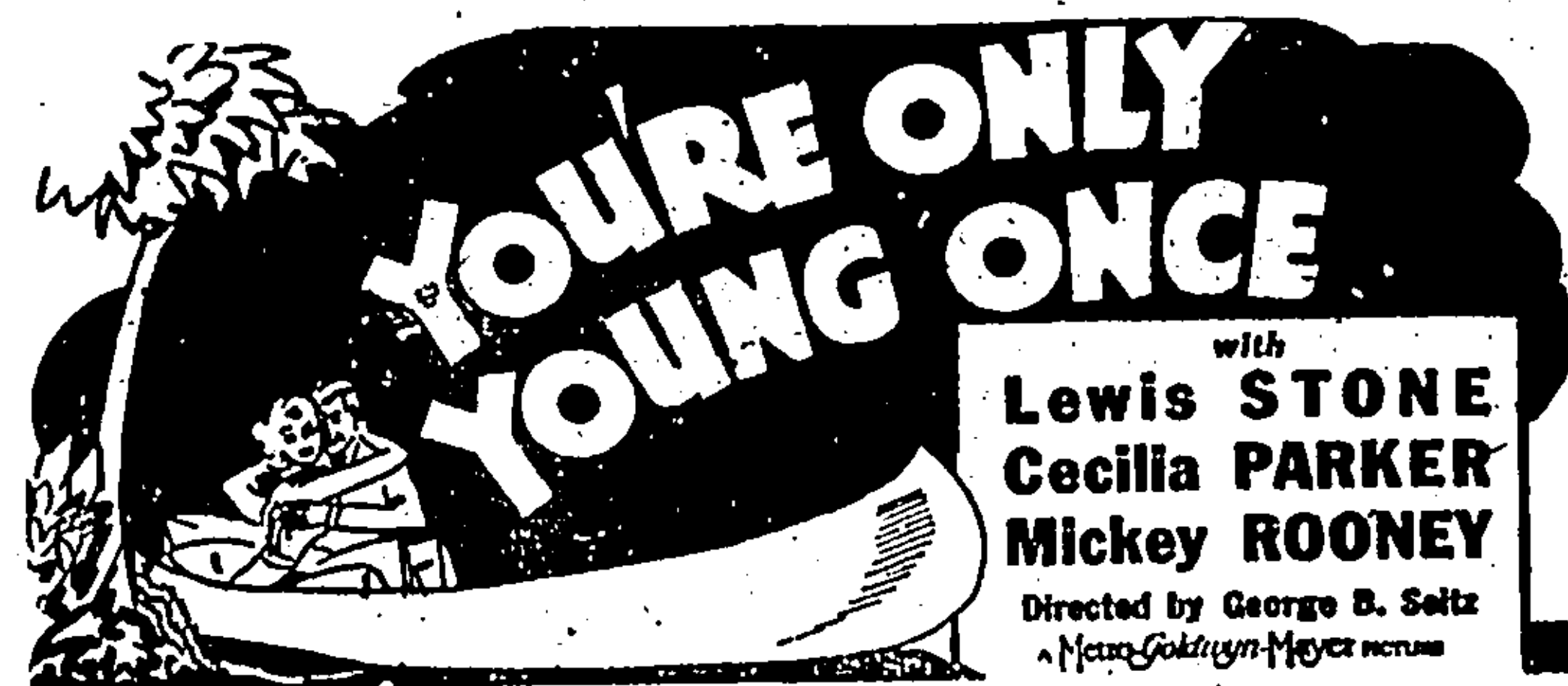
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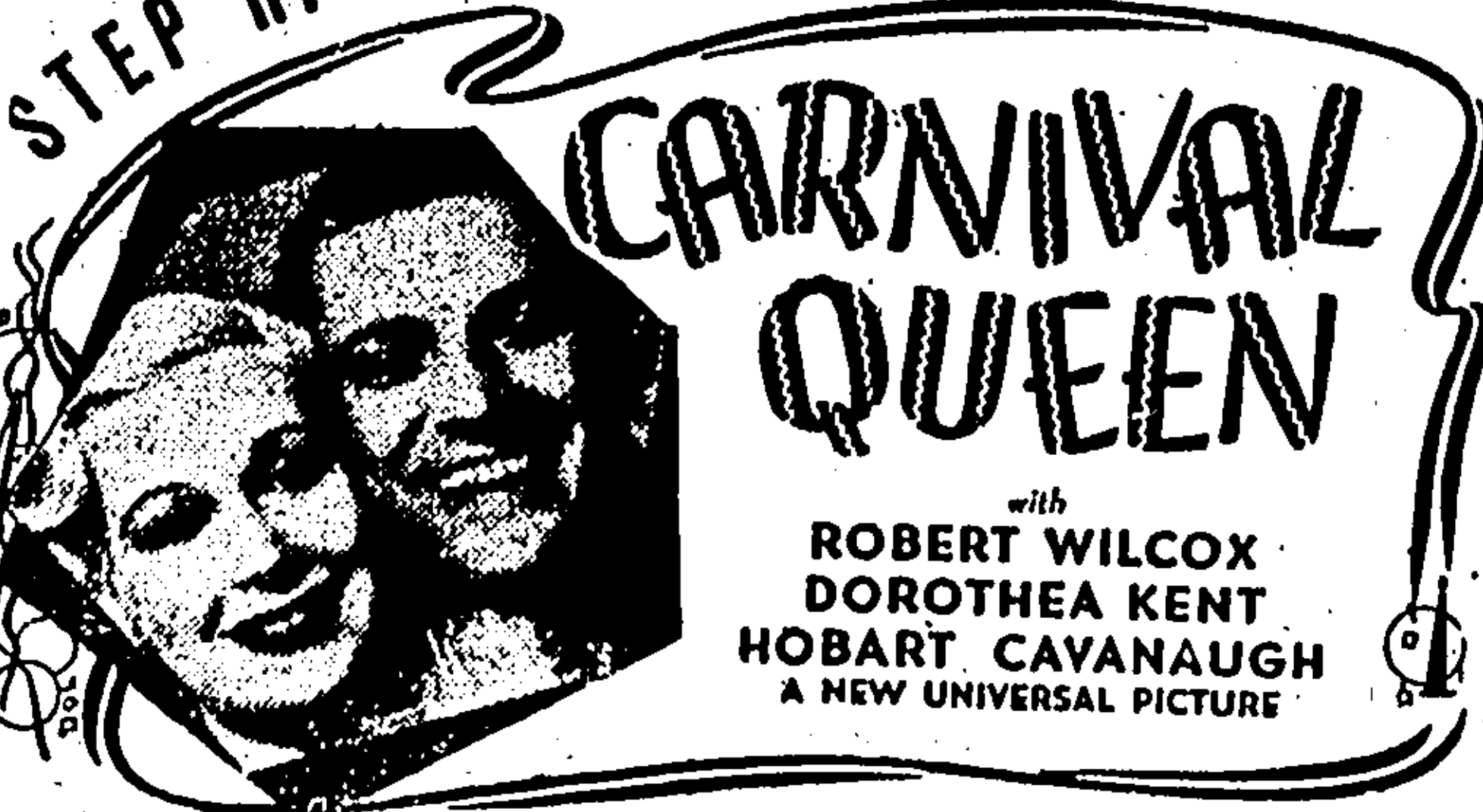
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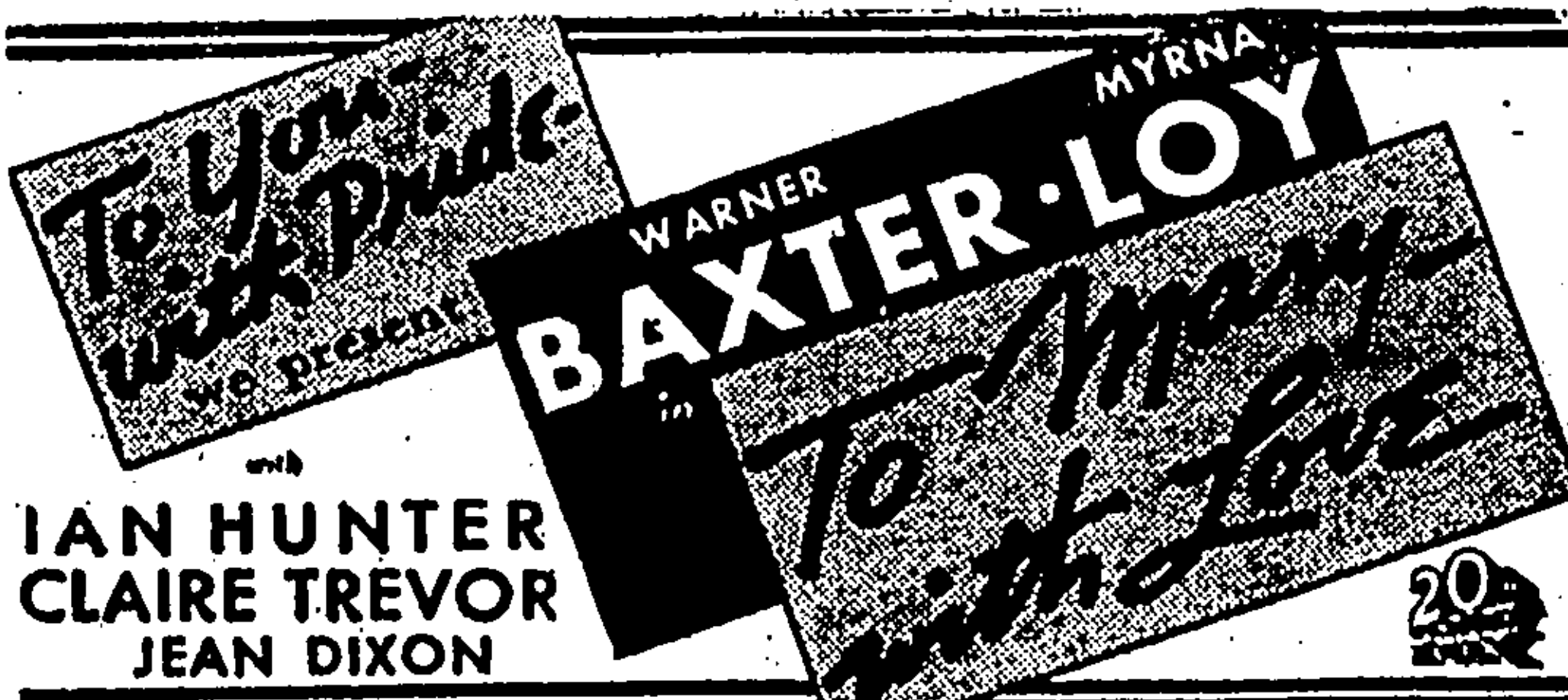
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MR. CHAMBERLAIN GIVEN REMARKABLE SPONTANEOUS WELCOME IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

Bugles sounded as the special train in which Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax travelled from Genoa entered the lavishly decorated station at 4.25 yesterday afternoon (local time).

Dense crowds gave a full-throated ovation as Mr. Chamberlain, Mussolini, Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) and Lord Halifax warmly shook hands.

During the playing of "God Save the King," which the Grenadiers' Band played before the Italian Anthem, British residents sang so lustily that the band was almost inaudible.

Mussolini (who arrived at the station at 4.15) wore the black overcoat of the Corps of Fascists, and was accompanied by a guard of thirty Musketeers.

While waiting, Mussolini was in evident good humour, and chatted with Lord Perth, the British Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, Italian Ambassador in London, and the South African Minister.

FINE WEATHER

The past days of brilliant sunshine had given way to clouds but the weather was quite fine as the party, after reviewing the guard of honour, Mr. Chamberlain grasping the famous umbrella, smiling, bowing and waving his top-hat, entered cars and drove through cheering, beflagged streets to the Villa Madama.

It is estimated that from 40,000 to 50,000 people were massed in the precincts of the station.

Twenty minutes after reaching the Villa Madama, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax drove to the Quirinal, where they signed the Golden Register, and at 6 o'clock they were received by Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia.

SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM

There were wonderful scenes of enthusiasm outside the Palazzo Venezia when Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax arrived.

The Square was packed with 100,000 people who cheered heartily. Mr. Chamberlain waved his silk hat and seemed extremely pleased. No troops or police were in evidence, as is usually the case on such occasions.

The Romans' welcome to the British statesmen has certainly been friendly, good-natured and spontaneous, and there is a cheerful happy atmosphere among the crowds.

MAN WHO SAVED PEACE

As there had been no official invitation to the public in the press to welcome the visitors, people had gathered entirely of their own free will to see the British statesman, who is remembered by everyone here as the man who helped to save the peace of Europe in September. —Reuter.

CHEERING THRONGS

Rome, To-day.

Count Ciano, and the Fascist Party Secretary, Signor Starace, as well as the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, accompanied the British guests to the Villa Madama where they will reside during their stay in Rome.

The streets through which the cars drove were lined by troops and formations of the Fascist Party, behind whom were countless thousands of spectators, who cordially cheered the representatives of Great Britain. — Trans-Ocean.

JEALOUS HUSBAND ADVISED BY MAGISTRATE

An alleged attack on a Chinese in Shanghai Street by a Chinese constable No. C633 and another man, was this morning heard at the Kowloon Court.

It is alleged that the constable had helped the other Chinese to beat the complainant, who had taken his wife out for a walk.

Though complainant said that he had taken the defendant's wife out, he said that there was nothing wrong in it because his own wife and son were with him at the time.

The magistrate advised defendant to go and earn enough money to take care of his own wife. He also added that it was clearly a case of complainant trying to take care of another man's wife. Complainant and defendant were put on bail of ten dollars each on the condition that there would be no more fighting between them.

TRESPASS ON MILITARY GROUND

Hui Kwong, aged 21, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, with trespassing on military ground and larceny of a piece of wood from the Royal Engineers' building, east of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess in Queen's Road East, yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said that defendant with another man who was not arrested, went into the R. E. quarters, and took the piece of wood. They were eventually seen by Sapper F. Owen, R.E., of Wellington Barracks, when the alarm was raised, the other man got away, and defendant was apprehended.

A sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

MONTH FOR SEVEN CENTS

Charged with stealing seven cents from a man in Spring Garden Lane, yesterday, Li Wing, aged 17, unemployed, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

CORDIAL SPEECHES AT PALAZZO VENEZIA BANQUET

Disclosure That Agreement Is In Operation

Mr. Chamberlain And Il Duce Applaud Each Other

Rome, To-day.

Britain and Italy began on Tuesday to exchange military information, as provided in the Anglo-Italian Agreement, Mr. Neville Chamberlain revealed in his speech at the banquet at the Palazzo Venezia last night.

The British Prime Minister said he was greatly touched by the cordial sentiments expressed by Mussolini towards himself and his country.

Lord Halifax and himself had been deeply moved by the warmth of their reception in the capital of the Italian Empire.

It was a great pleasure for both of them to revisit Italy, and to see the new Italy, powerful and progressive, which had arisen under Mussolini's guidance and inspiration.

"It is as the representative of a great nation whose desire is to remain on close, friendly and even intimate relations with another great nation, that I am here to-day," Mr. Chamberlain said.

DEEPLY INDEBTED

Alluding to the "flattering" reference by Mussolini to his part in finding a solution to the September crisis, Mr. Chamberlain reiterated that all were deeply indebted to Mussolini for the help and co-operation which had contributed so decisively to the peaceful result of the Munich conference.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had come to Rome in pursuit of the policy by which he stood for friendship with all and enmity with none, and a policy directed to a just and peaceful solution of international difficulties by the method of negotiation.

He was happy to think that their two Governments had been able to give concrete expression of this policy in the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

FUTURE STABILITY

After announcing that "as one of the first fruits of the Agreement," the two Governments had begun to exchange military information, Mr. Chamberlain added:

"Convinced as we are that our interests in the Mediterranean, while vitally important to us both, need yet in no way conflict with one another, we believe that the Agreement has opened a new chapter of friendship and confidence between us, which should be fruitful for the future stability of Europe."

He hoped the two nations would co-operate in the task of securing lasting peace in Europe.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by toasting the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia and the prosperity of the Italian people.

MUSSOLINI'S TRIBUTE

Mussolini, proposing the health of the British statesmen, cordially welcomed the "most welcome guests representing a great and friendly nation."

Voicing the sympathy with which the Italian people had followed the efforts of Mr. Chamberlain and the British Government, Mussolini continued:

"The spirit of comprehension and firmness with which you, Mr. Chamberlain, have personally collaborated towards a fair solution of those problems which weighed on the life of Europe last September, and the tenacity with which you have pursued your programme of reconciliation and peace, have been most deeply appreciated by my country, which has always believed in peace founded on justice, this being the final goal envisaged by the policy of Fascist Italy."

SOUND BASIS

"The Anglo-Italian Agreements, which recently entered into force, have placed Anglo-Italian relations on a sound basis, and have not only reconstituted the friendship between the two countries on a new phase of friendship and understanding of the new Mediterranean and African realities, but have also opened the road to that collaboration which is a necessary element to the peace of Europe and which we hope will be both lasting and fruitful."

"To that hope I add my sincerest feeling of friendship for you personally."—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE AND INDIANS ON ROBBERY CHARGE

The robbery on the hillside at Ngauchiwan, on Tuesday of \$6 from Yau Tin-sang, a fisherman, had its sequel before Mr. E. Hims-worth at the Central Magistracy this morning when Carlos Xavier da Cruz, aged 32, unemployed formerly of Shanghai and at present residing at No. 6, Matheson Street, Causeway Bay, and two unemployed Indians, Abdulla Rashid, aged 21, and Abdul Caramat, aged 20, living in Lock Road were charged with highway robbery.

The case was adjourned for 24 hours.

NEW CZECH FRONTIER INCIDENT

Prague, To-day.

A new frontier incident is reported on the Ruthenian-Hungarian border, near Ber-vinkos.

According to Ruthenian accounts, fire was opened from the Hungarian side and lasted an hour.

The Hungarians used one heavy and two light machine-guns and threw hand-grenades.—Reuter.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM SAPPER

A 26-year-old painter named Choi Wai, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with larceny of a suit of European style clothing, the property of Sapper Killeens, 22nd Coy., R.E., from a room in the Main Block of Wellington Barracks, on Tuesday.

SHAUKIWAN FIRE: TRAGEDY ALARM PROVED INACCURATE

Shortly after midnight last night a fire which is believed to have originated in the ground floor of No. 135, Main Street, Shaukiwan, spread with alarming rapidity to No. 137, next door, which was a peanut oil storehouse and despite the attentions of five fire appliances ran unchecked and eventually burned out.

The premises and a few personal effects were totally destroyed by the blaze which is said to have caused damage to the extent of \$10,000.

Fortunately for the inhabitants of the area, in which houses are quite close to one another, there was no wind at the time otherwise the blaze might have been fanned to tremendous proportions.

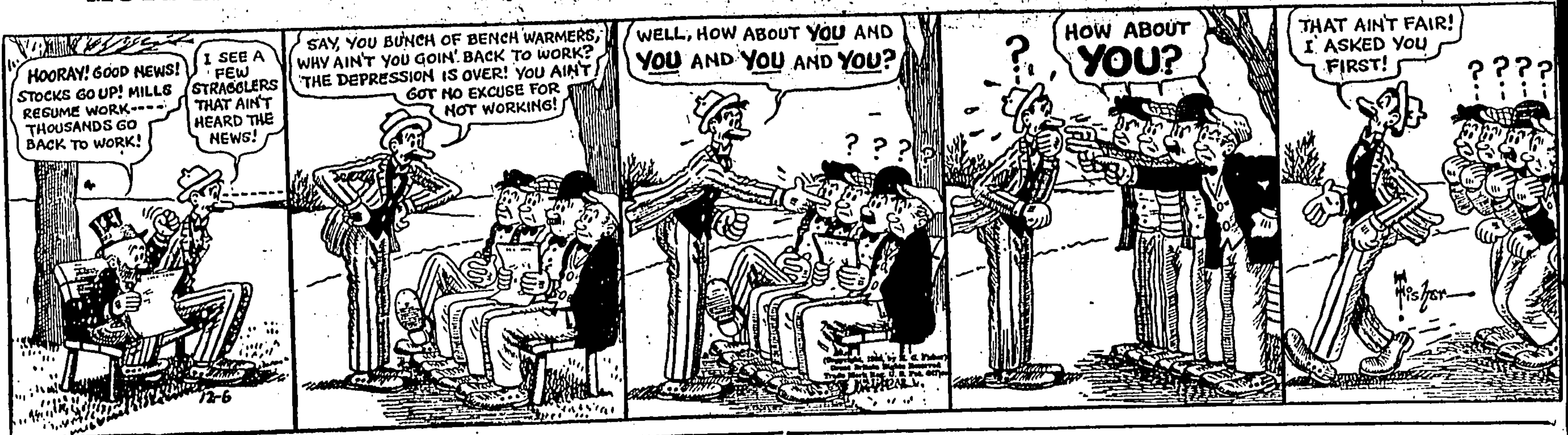
After the five fire appliances had returned to their respective stations, Central Fire Station received an alarming message by telephone to the effect that three women and a number of children were reported to be missing, but inquiries made at Shaukiwan Police Station showed that all inmates had been accounted for.



Ex-Slade school students and former pupils of Vladimir Polunin, famous Russian designer, have combined as painters and designers under the name "Dieppe." The girls are Miss Poo Ewart, daughter of Mr. G. A. Ewart, F.R.C.S., senior surgeon at St. George's Hospital, Miss Doritte Kettlewell, daughter of Col. and Mrs. H. W. Kettlewell of East Harptree, near Bath and Miss Molly Fitch, daughter of the well known banker, Mr. Edward Hill Fitch of Wharfedale, Yorks. Photo shows Miss Poo Ewart at work. It will be noticed that she smokes a pipe—in fact she is rarely seen without one when working.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

NOT UNDERSTOOD

"I haven't seen anything like this since I was in France," Chris said. I glanced at him quickly. His face had a curious tight look, and I remembered that he had served fifteen months with the A.E.F. Folks said he had a bagful of medals, but no one ever saw them and few had ever heard him refer to those grim days of '17 and '18.

We were on the edge of what had once been a beautiful stand of fine old pine trees. Now it was a tangled mass of broken logs and branches. This stand, like hundreds of others, had fallen victim to the hurricane. Devastation lay on every hand. Behind us the clubhouse, once shaded by stately maples and elms, stood stark and desolate and forlorn.

The members had appointed me chairman of a committee to clean things up, and I immediately sent for Chris Truesdale. Chris had been working for the W.P.A., and he hated it because it hurt his pride. Save for his war record, I knew little about his past. I liked him, and knew he'd welcome a chance to quit his present occupation. Next spring I was going to talk with the members about assigning him a permanent job as caretaker.

We picked our way around fallen logs and stumps and came to the edge of the bluff overlooking the sea.

of those—"I stopped short. There was a terrible light in his eyes. "Don't!" he cried. "Don't say it!" It wasn't until two days later that I knew and understood what had happened. Chris had not fully recovered but he told me jerkily, spasmodically, because he wanted me to know he appreciated what I had tried to do for him.

"I've seen dead men, you understand. Plenty of them. I've killed plenty too—is France. They say that's different. It is, I guess. I was a runner. Carrying dispatches back and forth to the front lines. Sometimes I'd step on bodies, crawl over them, push them out of my way. It didn't matter. It was different. I had a job to do. I had my own hide to think of."

"One night I arrived in the front line trenches with a message for Lieutenant Malcolm. He wasn't there. While I'd been gone, the sector had advanced and taken a German trench and Malcolm was installed up ahead."

"I was dead tired, but I went up. Had to. I found Malcolm all right and delivered the dispatch. He looked at me and smiled."

"Thanks, Chris," he said. "You look dead. Go on and get some rest."

"Welcome news. I found a dugout and crawled in. It was black as pitch."

By Stanley Cordell

Waves still pounded and lashed against the rocky shore, but the fury of the storm had long since passed. "Look!" I cried suddenly, pointing downward. Near the edge of the water lay a human body, washed up by the waves. I heard Chris suck in his breath, then I started down the path, conscious of a sense of horror, aware that Chris was scrambling along behind.

We reached the beach and started toward the spot where the body was. And then suddenly I stopped, and Chris stopped too. Horror, repulsion, sickening dread swept over me. For the beach was literally lined with human bodies. It seemed that there were hundreds, though later, when the rescue work was completed, only eighteen were discovered.

I went stumbling ahead, dazed, stunned, more overcome with a sense of awfulness than I can describe. Presently I stopped and looked and saw that Chris had turned and was heading back toward the path. My first feeling was one of anger to see him running away when it seemed that help was so sorely needed.

Watching him, I sensed that a change had come over him, that the sight of this mass of human derelicts had affected him in a manner that was beyond my comprehension.

When I reached the top of the bluff, Chris was nowhere to be seen. I started back toward the clubhouse. Two hundred yards from the edge of the bluff I found him. He was sitting on a fallen log, his face in his hands, his body trembling.

"What's wrong," I said. "What's happened?"

He looked up, and I shall never forget the expression in his eyes, the torment.

"I can't take the job," he said. "I'm going back."

"Come," I said, sitting down beside him, "it can't be that—the sight

The place was full of men. I pushed and crowded and cursed them for not moving over. Then finally I found a snug little hole between two of them and settled down. It was warm. They were big chaps. Dead with sleep. I shoved one around so he'd shelter me against the wind, and went to sleep.

"Well," Chris paused, "morning came and I woke up, but the other boys didn't. I blinked and looked around and fastened my eyes on the face of the big chap who had sheltered me against the wind. He wasn't an American. He was a German. He was dead. They were all dead. Twenty-nine of them, Gassed. Lying around like—like—" He shuddered, and I laid a hand on his arm. "You can't understand. I know. But that was different. It wasn't in the line of duty and—"

I understood. Or thought I did. I got someone else to clean up at the club. When spring came I managed to get Chris appointed for the job of caretaker. He wouldn't take it. He looked at me queerly, as though he had known all along I wouldn't understand.

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CZECH PROTEST TO HUNGARY

Prague, To-day.

The Czechoslovak Government intends to protest in Budapest against the attack on Czechoslovak frontier guards at Bervinkos, in the Fráve-seredne sector, by Hungarian terrorists on Tuesday night, states a report issued here last night. — Trans-Ocean.

SMILING FACES AFTER ROME TALK

Rome, To-day.

The conversations between the British and Italian statesmen have started auspiciously judging by the smiles on the countenances of the British diplomats at the conclusion of the first talk which, lasting just over one hour, served to establish personal contact between the two foreign ministers, Count Ciano and Lord Halifax. This is in keeping with the mood of optimism which has found more tangible expression during the last few days in the British and Italian press.

The friendly atmosphere in which the conversations have started has not, however, prevented London or Rome from continuing to speculate on the practical outcomes of the Anglo-Italian deliberations which, it is still presumed, will revolve around the Spanish problem and the question of Franco-Italian relations.

It is believed that at the first meeting, the ministers explained their respective standpoints towards specific problems.

BRITISH AIM

British circles point out that the British ministers are not aiming at anything in the nature of concrete results. It would be regarded as a great success if the conversations resulted in the creation of a friendly atmosphere leading eventually to complete clarification of Mediterranean relations.

The following official communique was issued: "The British Prime Minister Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, Il Duce and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, conferred in the Duce's study for an hour and twenty-five minutes.

The deliberations will be resumed on Thursday afternoon at 5.30 p.m." —Trans-Ocean.

"TOUR OF THE HORIZON"

Rome, To-day.

Only Mussolini, Count Ciano, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax were present at the first Anglo-Italian talks yesterday, which were conducted in a most cordial atmosphere.

Later it was revealed that the conversation was of a purely general nature which might be described as a "tour of the horizon."

Further meetings are possible at 5.30 this afternoon (Thursday). — Reuter.

ROYAL SCOTS OFF FOR ENGLAND FROM PALESTINE

Haifa, To-day.

The First Battalion, the Royal Scots, embarked for Southampton yesterday after a year's service in Palestine.

During the period 14 officers and men were killed and 43 wounded. The Second Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment, is relieving the Royal Scots. — Reuter.

EUROPEANS VICTIMISED

Mr. H. R. Arns, of No. 26, Conduit Road, has reported to the Police on behalf of Mrs. Reiner, that an unknown Chinese snatched her handbag and content, valued at \$29, while she was walking in Caine Road, at about 2.45 p.m. yesterday.

Miss Ivey Gordon has reported the loss of a wrist watch at about 1 p.m. yesterday in her office at the Hong Kong Bank Building. The watch is valued at \$20.

ARAB PARLEYS IN CAIRO

Cairo, To-day.

The Saudian Prince, Emir Feisal, who will head the Saudi Arabian delegation to the London-Palestine conference arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his brother, Prince Khaled, and Fuad Bey Hamza, the Saudi-Arabian Foreign Minister.

On Friday, the Iranian Prime Minister, Nouri Pasha, arrives in the Egyptian capital.

At the beginning of the next week, an Arab conference will be opened under the chairmanship of the Egyptian Minister, Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha, when the attitude the Arabs will take in London will be decided. — Trans-Ocean.

INTERNMENT CAMP INQUIRY

It is understood that an inquiry is being held by the military authorities into conditions at the internment camp at Matauchung.

The object is to deter the men from attempting to escape, following the recent shooting incidents.

Lack of recreational facilities and of other means of occupying their time is believed to be the main reason for the discontent at the camp.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, a 40-year-old unemployed Chinese Li Sang, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards, with snatching a gold earring from Tam Fun, married woman, at Queen's Road Central on Tuesday. Defendant was remanded for 48 hours, to ascertain whether he is fit for caning.

AUSTRALIA AND IRON EMBARGO

Sydney, To-day.

The Attorney-General, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has promised Union leaders that if the waterside workers at Port Kembla, who held up the loading of 20,000 tons of pig-iron for Japan, would reverse their decision, the Government would review its policy regarding the export of pig-iron to an aggressor nation. — Reuter.

The men take the attitude that it is illogical for the Australian Government to place an embargo on shipments of iron ore to Japan if they allow the export of the manufactured iron.

DESTROYER CREW TAKEN TO GOVT. SPAIN

Gibraltar, To-day.

The crew of the Republican Spanish destroyer, Jose Luis Diez, which ran ashore near Gibraltar, after a naval encounter on December 30, left Gibraltar yesterday aboard the British destroyers Glowworm and Greyhound for an unnamed Republican Spanish port. — Trans-Ocean.

FINE WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China, and had increased moderately in intensity. A shallow depression is situated in the Pacific to the east of Japan.

Local forecast:— N. E. winds, fresh; fine generally.

Miss May Wu, residing at No. 19, Robinson Road, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from lysol poisoning.

It was reported that she took the medicine at the Metropole Hotel, at about 5 a.m. this morning.

A Chinese named Chan Kwok-hing, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital, after he had been bitten by a dog owned by Mr. W. J. Brown, of the China Light and Power Co., at Kau Pui Shek Road, yesterday.

Sin Tack, aged 25, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, with a crushed hand, suffered while working at the Tung Shing building contractor, in Percival Street yesterday.

DEVASTATION IN WEST RIVER VALLEY

Large sections of the districts of Samshui, Hoshan, Koyiu, Koming, Szewui and Kwangning in the West River valley have been devastated and at least 170,000 civilians have been rendered homeless and destitute as a result of Japanese air bombings and military operations, according to a report of the relief committee organised by natives of the districts resident in Hong Kong.

Samshui, at the confluence of the West River and North River is worst hit by Japanese ravages. The southwestern part of the town has been badly damaged by artillery and aerial bombardment. At least 400 shops and residences have been demolished. The power plant and the match factory have also been destroyed by shelling.

All villages in the outskirts are desolate. These include Pushum, Paisha, Yeekong, Lochuen, Shekhu-chuen, Kofeng and Youngmui in the central area, Namkong, Wankong, Mukmin, Wongtong, Tanyao, and Mukkong in the southern area, Samkong and Mahow in the eastern area, and Tanpu and Chekpaknai in the northern area.

Most of the big buildings in the city proper have been wrecked.

50,000 DESTITUTE

The Japanese are using the premises of the Samshui district government as their military headquarters. It is estimated that there are between 50,000 and 60,000 refugees in the Samshui district.

In Hoshan district, Kulo and Hoihow where the Japanese landed, have suffered the worst. At Kulo alone 126 civilians were killed and about 200 wounded under Japanese fire. A large number of villages at Kulo and Hoihow have been reduced to ruins.

Repeated air raids on the district of Koyiu (Shiuhing) have turned Wing On, Kwongli, Kamli, Lukpu, Shinkiu, and Paktu into masses of rubble. Though exact figures are not available, the casualties are believed to have been great.

Japanese troops who landed at Kamli burned down all the sixteen villages. Women were brutally molested.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES INADEQUATE

Refugees in the Koyiu district are estimated at 50,000. Many of them have died of illness and starvation. Medical supplies are inadequate.

Extensive air bombings in the district of Koming have caused heavy property loss. About 36,000 civilians have become refugees.

In Szewui, the town of Mafong bore the brunt. Artillery bombardment demolished practically all villages in the outskirts and air raids have wrecked shops and residences inside the city.

Refugees in this district number about 20,000. — Central News.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN ROME

The gloomy prophecies of American diplomats now in Washington from Europe and the conclusions to be drawn from suddenly improved German-Polish relations lend added interest and importance to the conversations now proceeding in Rome between Mr. Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini. In more than one sense it is Mr. Chamberlain's last chance of justifying the Munich appeasement. Such is the state of international politics today that it can carry little hope of genuine success unless with any understanding reached there is a weaning away of Il Duce from the Berlin-Rome axis.

Diplomacy has reached such a stage of jugglery that diffidence about expressing views and ideas is probably wise. That Hitler and Ribbentrop, Goebbels and Goering, by their rapid strangling of Austria and subsequent absorption, disappointed Il Duce and cut him to the quick is pretty generally accepted. That Mussolini, and Hitler could ever work together really amicably is something difficult to conceive. Clever as Mussolini is he has had to think out things entirely for himself against four of the most scheming type Germany has ever produced; and at that sort of game four heads are better than one.

Both Mussolini and Hitler were similarly lacking in the requisite raw materials. Il Duce hoped to rectify his immediate requirements in this respect by absorption of Austria, or part thereof, but he could not do this without disrupting Europe and antagonising his newly-found associate. He therefore went to Abyssinia. Both were in the same position in regard to shortage of funds to permit of their getting from other outside sources their raw material requirements and both while able to arrange for a barter-system between themselves could not arrange a sufficient volume with outsiders to cover their purchases of the required raw materials. Mussolini as a result of Spain and Abyssinia has lowered his vitality and this was appreciated by Hitler and his satellites; prompting them to walk into the territory which Benito thought was to be his eventually, i.e. Austria. And having previously very adroitly worked up Benito into an anti-British attitude, was practically assured that Britain would not go in on Benito's side in the event of the latter making any trouble about Austria. Indications of the "rawness" felt by Il Duce over the Austrian deal having been conveyed to Mr. Chamberlain likewise his desire for a rapprochement by his cessation of his anti-British propaganda in the Roman press, feelers were extended by Britain and seemingly the deal was closed by the passing over to Italy of a matter of some twenty mil-

lions sterling, it is said. Just how much more Il Duce has visions of getting in the talks during the next few hours is a matter for conjecture. Meantime, Chamberlain must be pretty sure of somewhat rapid strides in the matter of armaments since the "Munich Fair" which has possibly put Britain in a position to say just what is to be done and is not to be done, otherwise it is doubtful whether he would take the step of going across to have a chat in the fact of the demands from Britain's ally, of Sardinia and Tunis.

That the outcome of the Spanish Civil War is much mixed up with the eventual outcome of things in Europe is pretty evident from the way that Franco has been endeavouring to bring to a finish the war in Spain, it doubtless being the hope of both Mussolini and Hitler to so bring into effect stipulations which they doubtless made with Franco when they supplied him with mercenary forces and arms for his purpose, regarding "anti-Gibraltar" points in Spain in the event of Franco coming out best. That Britain is going to stand for such apportionment of "Anti-Gibraltar Points" by Franco is hardly possible. Mr. Chamberlain's going across to talk things over with Il Duce at the present stage, therefore, indicates either that he is so sure of his strength as to be able to convince the others that he is able to say "No" to any moves in that direction or that he realises that the time has come, at any rate, for him to prove that Britannia rules the waves" still even though it may mean a second Peninsular War to prove it.

Oliver Twist

Unseats Ivanhoe

It appears from an inquiry into the literary tastes of children, which was carried out recently by the Bethnal Green public libraries, that Dickens, with "Oliver Twist," is the favourite classic of youthful Londoners. On the other hand, Scott is not popular, and "Ivanhoe" was not the first choice of a single boy or girl.

At first it seems a little unexpected that Mr. Bumble, the Artful Dodger, and Bill Sykes, should be preferred to Robin Hood, Richard Coeur-de-Lion, and Front-de-Boeuf! and the mummery in Fagin's kitchen to the thrills of Ashby-de-la-Zouche: but perhaps it is not so strange. For if one may judge from the books that received the most votes, from the "William" series of Richmal Crompton, and the adventures of "Biggles," the airman hero; as related by Captain W. E. Johns, youth looks to-day for types and settings with which it is in contact, or of which it has considerable knowledge. It requires a realism to which it can, in some degree, apply a touchstone.

It is obvious that Oliver adrift in London scores heavily, from this point of view, over Ivanhoe in Front-de-Boeuf's castle. Even Mr. Bumble, if he is now an anachronism, and was always something of a caricature, has at least his lineal descendants; while of Front-de-Boeuf there is no more trace than of Villon's Ladies of Yesterday.

This rather stern attitude is relaxed, however, in the case of pure fantasy; for "Alice in Wonderland" still holds its own—or is it that the nursery has first-hand knowledge that makes Wonderland the most convincing setting of all?

Kweilin Suffers Severely In Japanese Bombing Raid

MANY KILLED IN INDO-CHINA BORDER TOWN

Chungking, To-day.

Mass air raids were again staged by Japanese planes over important cities in Kwangsi, Kiangsi and Hunan yesterday, resulting in heavy losses of civilian lives and property.

Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, was raided by 12 machines, which, flying in two squadrons, dropped over 100 bombs.

As most civilians had taken refuge, only eight were killed and 50 wounded.

About 20 bombs fell at Fuposhan-hill, wrecking a temple and scores of houses. Refugees taking shelter in a cave escaped unscathed, when a heavy bomb exploded nearby shooting up mud and stones.

Incendiary bombs were dropped outside the south gate, starting fires which gutted a row of 14 houses.

The Hunan-Kwangsi Railway station was also made target of attack. However, all missiles went wide.

Lungchow, near the border of French Indo-China, was bombed by

nine Japanese aircraft which flew from Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi.

In Kiangsi, a squadron of bombers attacked Kian, 122 miles southwest of Nanchang.

More than 130 bombs, including incendiaries, were dumped in the heart of the city, inflicting more than 100 civilian casualties and devastating a prosperous section of the town.

Fires raged for a considerable time before they were brought under control.

Seven boats in the river were blown to pieces.

Lientang, near Nanchang, was bombed by three Japanese aircraft. Between 40 and 50 were killed or maimed.—Central News.



Impressive ceremonies were staged in Germany when the body of Herr vom Rath, the murdered Paris Embassy official, was brought home. Here is the scene in Dusseldorf as the cortege proceeded from the station to the hall where the body lay in state.

BRITISH PLANES SET NEW SPEED RECORDS

London, To-day.

Imperial Airways' new fast monoplanes continue to set inter-capital commercial records.

In November, Frobisher, first of the four-engined De Havilland Albatross monoplanes commissioned for service on the company's European routes, flew from London to Paris in 53 minutes at an average speed of 232 m.p.h.

In the following month she flew with mails from England to Egypt at an average speed in the air for 2,300 miles of 219 m.p.h.

On Tuesday, a sister craft, Falcon, carried eleven passengers, a crew of four and a ton of freight from London to Brussels, 200 miles, in 48 minutes, surpassing the previous best journey accomplished by an Italian aeroplane in the fleet of Sabena, Belgium's State air transport company, by five minutes, and averaging 250 m.p.h.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN ON TRIAL IN REICH

Hamburg, To-day.

The American sailor, George Roth, who was arrested a few weeks ago in Hamburg, will be placed on trial on January 14 before a Hamburg criminal court. He is indicted for "preparation of high treason."—Trans-Ocean.

SIR HUGHE KNATCHBULL HUGESSEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR IN TURKEY

London, To-day.

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, who came into world prominence when he was machine-gunned by Japanese planes on the Shanghai-Nanking highway, has been appointed Ambassador to Angora.

Sir Hughe, while Ambassador to Nanking, was motoring to Shanghai when his car, plainly marked with the Union Jack, was attacked by Japanese planes.

The Ambassador was seriously wounded and was forced to relinquish his post, since when he has been in London.

Sir Hughe entered the Foreign Office in 1908 and was attached to the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919.

From 1926 to 1930 he was Counsellor of the Embassy at Brussels, and for the next four years was Minister to the Baltic States.

From 1934 to 1936, when he was appointed Ambassador to China, he was Minister to Teheran.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Macao on account of cholera have been removed.

PHILIPPINES READY TO TAKE REFUGEES

Manila, To-day.

An agreement has been reached between China and the Commonwealth Government to allow Chinese refugees to enter the Philippines for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities provided that they are guaranteed by a resident here and will not become public charges.

The previous approval of the Chinese authorities must be obtained before embarkation from China.

The Chinese Consulate and Chamber of Commerce in Manila are being held responsible for their return to China after the war.—Reuter.

Here's Luck!

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THREAT TO FRANCO'S COMMUNICATIONS

Miaja's Troops Eight Miles From Railway

BELGIAN FRICTION OVER FRANCO AGENT

Brussels, To-day.

The statement by the Premier, M. Paul Spaak, before the Political Committee of the Chamber and Senate that up till now no agreement has been reached between Belgium and National Spain on the exchange of "agents" has led to heated discussions in the Chamber corridors.

It is recalled that M. Spaak in order to gain support from the Social Democrats has so far refused to accept the demands made by the National Spanish Government for giving the Agents in Burgos and Brussels a diplomatic character, insisting that it would be sufficient to appoint mutual agents to deal with commercial matters.

The Catholics in the Belgian Chamber who always have been for appointment of a diplomatic Agent in Burgos, have informed M. Spaak that in case he continues refusing this demand they would be not afraid of a Cabinet crisis or even of new Chamber elections.

The Liberals too insist that the Spanish question must be settled in one way or the other before M. Spaak carries out his intention to consolidate his Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

Nationalist Situation In South Imperilled

Barcelona, To-day.

The Republican forces on the Estremadura front are reported to be successfully carrying out an enveloping movement aimed at surrounding the large concentration of Nationalist reserves between Monte Rubio de la Serena and Cas-tuera.

Counter-attacks by considerable Nationalist reinforcements brought up from Cordoba, Seville and Cadiz, were overcome, says the Republican news agency, which also claims that the Republicans are now eight miles from the Seville-Salamanca Railway.—Reuter.

COUNTER-ATTACKS ON CORDOBA FRONT REPULSED

Barcelona, To-day.—

The insurgents launched several counter-attacks on the Republican positions in the Sierra Torre Juncillo and Sierra Traperera on the Estremadura front, but in each case were repulsed with great vigour.

Despite the resistance of the Nationalists, who, according to the official bulletin have received reinforcements from other fronts, the Republicans succeeded in taking el Hierro, west of Cerro de Penarroya.

Fighting is going on in the Sierra Torrozo and Sierra Mesagera.

It is also stated that as result of the confusion prevailing in the Nationalist ranks, a great number have deserted. The enemy suffered heavy losses in the Artesa de Segre sector of the Catalan front all attacks being repelled.

ITALIANS IN ACTION

The Italian division "Litterio" attacked with great violence in the southern sector of the front finally succeeding in gaining some territory in the Figuera Espluga and Francoli zone.

Height 1051 was retaken by the Republicans and a number of prisoners and machineguns captured.

Nationalist prisoners confirm the reports of huge losses in men and material sustained by the insurgents.

Of three tank companies sent into action at the bridgehead of Balaguer, only one is now operating the other two having been wiped out.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO 20 MILES FROM TARRAGONA

Lerida, To-day.

General Franco's forces having conquered the range of mountains between Lerida and the Mediterranean, are now in sight of the port of Tarragona, which is one of their major objectives.

The Nationalists have also captured an important junction town about twenty miles from Tarragona.—Reuter.

FRENCH FLOUR FOR BARCELONA

Paris, To-day.

The French Council of Ministers decided yesterday to send 45,000 tons of flour worth 38 million francs to Republican Spain, it is reported in Quai d'Orsay circles.

It is emphasized that this is an act of pure humanity which bears no connection to the question of non-intervention.

M. Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, previously reported to the Council that the decision would not mean contravention of the non-intervention agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB CHIEFS SEE MUFTI OF JERUSALEM

Beirut, To-day.

Five Palestine Arab chiefs, who had arrived here from the Seychelles, whither they had been banished by the Palestine authorities and later released, went immediately to confer with the Mufti of Jerusalem and other members of the Arab Higher Committee.

They discussed the choice of delegates for the London Conference on Palestine.—Reuter.

GERMAN NAVAL PLANS

Berlin, To-day.

Publication of an official communique concerning the result of the Anglo-German naval conversations, which had been expected at the beginning of this week, has it is stated in informed quarters, been postponed till next week.

It is added that the communique will contain information as to the extent to which Germany intends taking advantage of the right conceded her by the Anglo-German Naval Agreements of 1935 and 1937 to build submarines in excess of 45 per cent. of the total tonnage of the British submarine fleet as well as fourth and fifth heavy cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-SWEDISH NAVAL PACT

Stockholm, To-day.

The forthcoming conclusion of a naval agreement between Great Britain and Sweden was announced by King Gustaf in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Riksdag yesterday, but further details were not given.

The speech likewise announced the introduction of a Bill concerning modification of the League Covenant, which in the opinion of the Swedish Government, must be separated from the Peace Treaties.

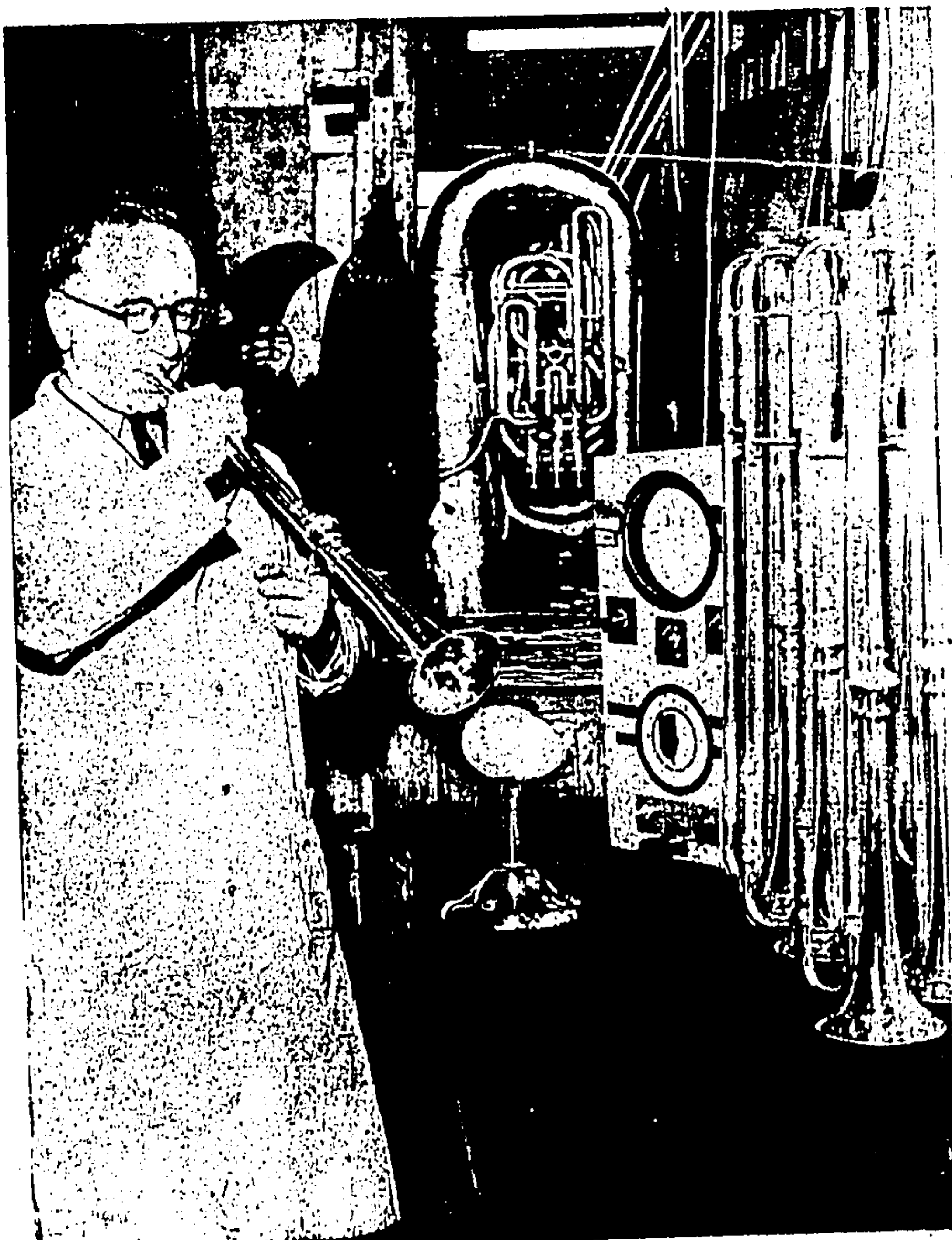
The King emphasised that Sweden's relations with all foreign powers were satisfactory.—Trans-Ocean.

RUBLEE'S TALK WITH SCHACHT

Berlin, To-day.

The Director of the International Refugees Committee in London, Mr. George Rublee, who arrived here on Tuesday, had a conversation with the Reichsbank President, Dr. Schacht, yesterday.

Complete reserve is maintained regarding this conversation but informed quarters give it to be understood that a communique may be issued at the conclusion of Mr. Rublee's visit.—Trans-Ocean.



New Heraldic Trumpets now being made for the Household Cavalry are the first to be made for over 100 years. They are being made by hand at a Willissen-instrument makers'. The trumpets are of solid silver, each part Hall Marked, and are most elaborately chased. They are the trumpets which the Household Cavalry use on all State occasions and are faithful reproductions of the original trumpet. Each trumpet is tested for tune by playing into a Resonoscope which records electrically whether the instrument is in tune.

News Snack Bar



CIRCUS FAMILY REHEARSES ON FARM.—They are the Rosaire family and everyone does something, from trick riding to a trapeze act. Photo shows Ida Rosaire trick riding on horseback in the ring built in the garden.

MINISTERLEY!

A village with a Parliament—Ministerly (population 788), Shropshire—sounds like a joke, particularly when there's a Minister of Cream.

But, says this Minister, Mr. R. Oakley: "This is not a joke. We talk things over seriously so as to do the best for everyone."

When this little Parliament meets weekly, over a glass of ale, there is a Premier and Ministers to represent all local interests—including Ministers of Meat and Agriculture.

ESTHER IS 'NON-ARYAN'

A German father at Gelsenkirchen wanted to register the birth of a daughter under the name "Esther." The name was refused by the registrar, who declared the name was non-Aryan.

The father was not satisfied and took the matter to court. There it has been decided that the official was right. There will be no more Esthers in Germany.

Technically the courts are right. The name is of Biblical origin and means "Loved of God." . . . Hitler's Adolf, of course, is pure German, means "Noble Wolf." . . .

ALEXANDRA PALACE—

LOSS £5,128

Loss of £5,128 for the year ended April, 1938, on the working of the Alexandra Palace was reported in the accounts of the trustees recently.

Only once has Alexandra Palace shown a profit. Deficits are covered by the contributions from local authorities totalling \$4,090 and catering profits, this year \$2,225.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From Highgate Police Court.—Defendant: I wrote another letter to my wife. This time I enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope. Her reply came back in the envelope, but without the stamp.

Witness: I had a half an hour to spare, so I weighed myself.

Woman Witness: If either of the cars had hit each other there would have been a collision.

Another Witness: My motor-bike has never run properly since my wife's brother put it right for me.

VILLAGE "G"

MEN — OF 1794

Cranbrook (Kent) Parish Council has received a gift that has astonished even the oldest inhabitants. It is the minute book of a strange old Cranbrook Crime Society of the year 1794.

It's strange, because no one in Cranbrook — not even the bearded veterans on the village seats—seem to have heard of the society before.

Beautifully written in an old-fashioned copper-plate hand, the minutes show that crime was then so bad in Cranbrook that the citizens banded themselves together to form a mutual protection club.

Twenty-five of them—and many of the names might be taken from to-day's parish register—subscribed £1 2s. 6d. each. When any member was robbed or spent money in apprehending a criminal, he was allowed so much out of the funds.

For example, one entry runs; "27 June, 1796: That Thomas Wilms-hurst, Snr., shall be allowed eight shillings expended by him in endeavouring to discover a Man who had stolen a Coat out of his house."

Nearly all the criminals of the day were women, according to the book.

BOY, 20, BEATS ALL WOMEN AT BAKING

Percy Gunter, houseboy, aged twenty, employed locally, beat all women competitors in the cookery classes at a six-parish show at Bridgetown, West Somerset.

For the fifth year in succession he gained all three prizes in the class for a jam sponge sandwich. Then he added to his achievements by gaining a first and a second for a sultana cake, a first for scones, and a fourth for a plain sponge sandwich.

These awards gave him the highest points in the section . . . and he was the only male competitor. And again he won outright a silver cup he had won twice before.

Gunter is entirely self trained.

WIDOW LEFT MILLIONS DIES

Lady Dalziel of Wooler, widow of Lord Dalziel, the man who introduced taxicabs to London, has died in London. Lord Dalziel, chairman of the Pullman Car Company, left more than £2500,000 to his wife.

EXCHANGE AWHEEL

The world's first telephone exchange on wheels was tested when Major G. C. Tryon, the Postmaster-General, unlocked the steel door of a green van in London, dialled "O" on a telephone inside, and within a few moments was talking to the County Hall, Chelmsford. A few minutes later the mobile exchange was hitched to a tractor and was on its way to North Weald, Essex, which will be the first village to use it. This exchange can be rushed to any place where fire or storm has put the permanent installation out of order.

REGIMENT'S 250 YEARS

The Royal Welch Fusiliers will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its formation this year. Efforts are being made to secure the attendance of the King at a review at Aldershot.

WILLED CHAIR TO THE QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth is a beneficiary under the will of her friend, Miss Nellie J. G. Grimond, of Benchil, Broughty Ferry, a suburb of Dundee.

Miss Grimond leaves the Queen a hand-painted chair which used to be at her parents' home, Glamis Castle.

The chair, an antique piece of Hepplewhite design, is said to have been made by an estate carpenter at Glamis.

MORE WOMEN WORK IN GERMANY

Number of women workers in Germany has increased in the past five years by 1,000,000 to 7,310,000 . . . despite the fact that in the early days of the Nazi regime it was stressed that women's proper place was in the home. Now out of every 100 workers in the country, approximately sixty-seven are men and thirty-three women.



Badminton might well become even more popular in Hong Kong if the ladies all turned out as Maureen O'Sullivan shown above. Heavy white crepe is used for the garments, the unrelieved white achieving smartness through its tailored lines.

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QUARREL SHIP'S SOS F Children On Board

Paris, December 21.

Five married couples, two babies and thirty-six crew are on board the tiny freighter, Ile de Bourbon, reported to-night to be drifting without fuel near the "Cursed island" of St. Paul, in the Indian Ocean.

Nothing had been heard of the ship for three months until last night an SOS was picked up by the American Government's radio at Washington and relayed to the French Government. The message said that the Ile de Bourbon's coal was exhausted and that she had vainly been calling Madagascar for help. The weather was very bad. Colonies Minister Mandel has radioed the governor at Madagascar to send help at once.

Disaster now threatens the ship's company, who have been troubled by jealous quarrels since they set out in the Ile de Bourbon last May from St. Malo, France, led by Captain Hahn de Boers.

The party planned to start a lobster canning industry on St. Paul, French-owned storm-swept volcanic crater three miles long by two broad, which is one of the last outposts on the route to the South Pole.

A previous attempt at settlement there failed when the pioneers were ravaged by a mysterious illness.

MARRIED BEFORE SHIP SAILED

On board the Ile de Bourbon are Mme. de Boers, the captain's wife; slim and beautiful blonde Collette

Mouradian, niece of the French painter, Paul Chabas, and wife of the ship's Turkish engineer; Jean Rion, the radio operator, his wife and daughter, Jean; Raymond Bettia, a Paris hairdresser, and his wife; and another couple named Masse, who were married just before the ship sailed.

They set out to start life anew by founding a French colony on the ship reached Port Said there were disputes on board.

So bad was the situation that the five couples were unable to live in the same cabin and were given separate quarters.

Trouble started among the women. In a letter posted at Suez, Captain de Boers said that if he could not restore peace on board

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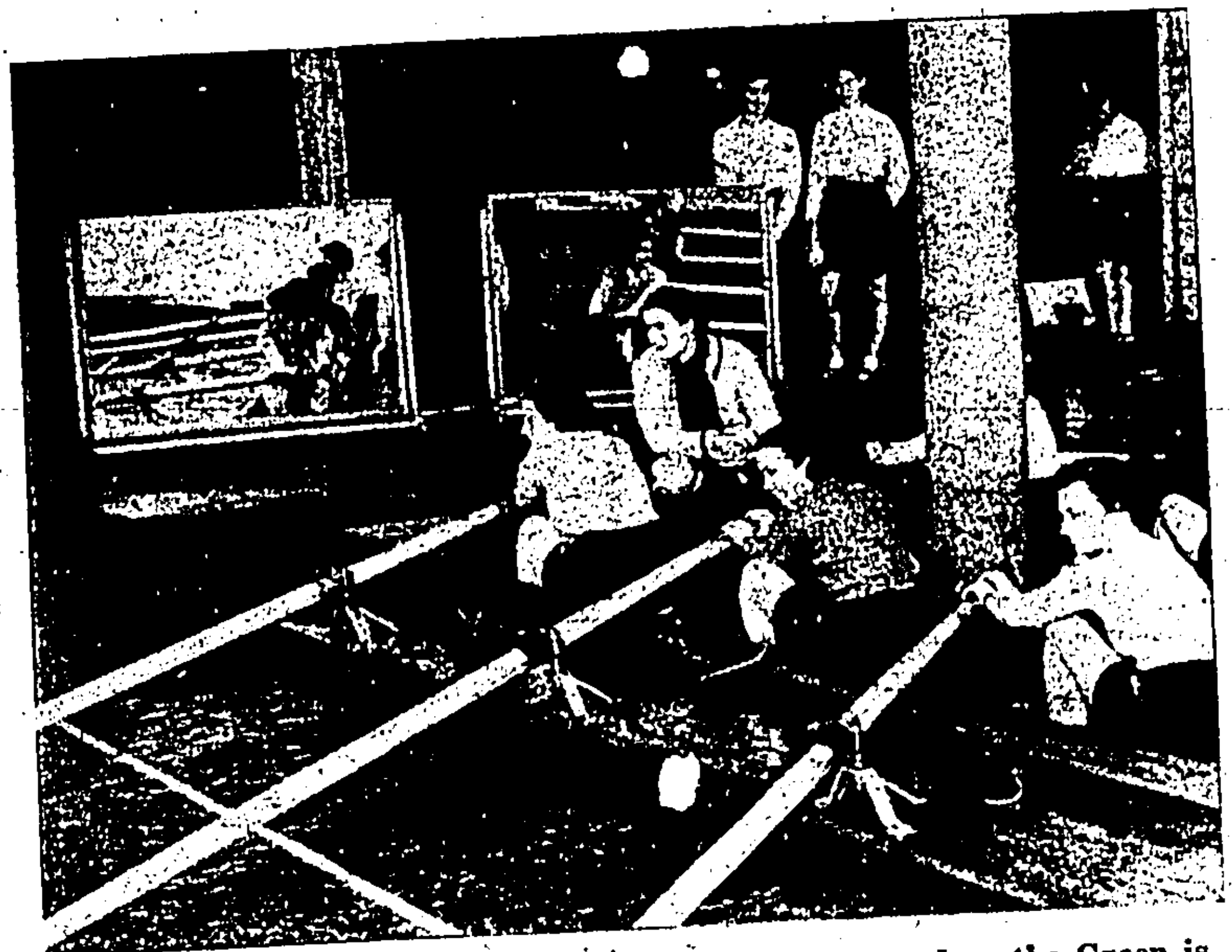
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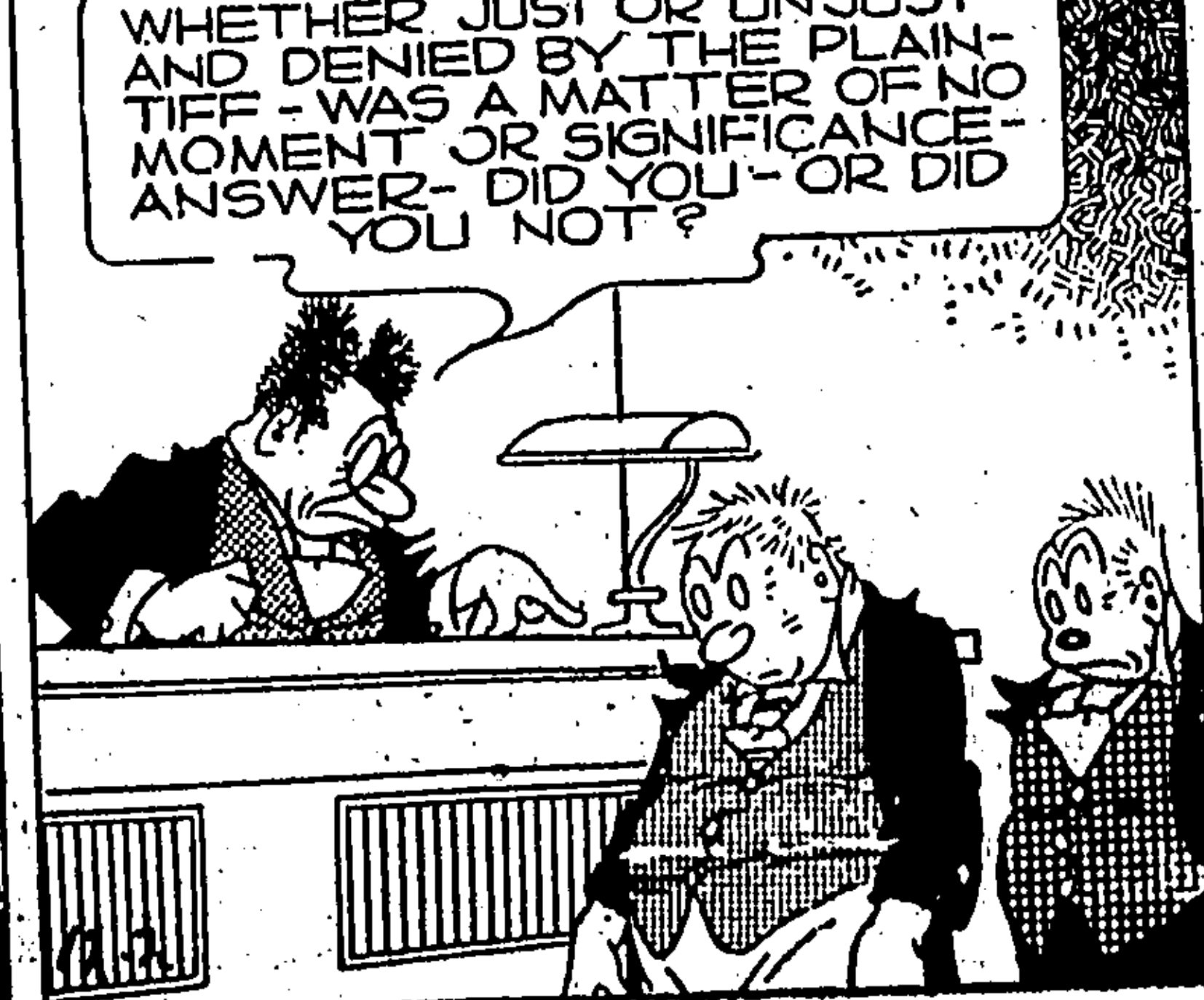
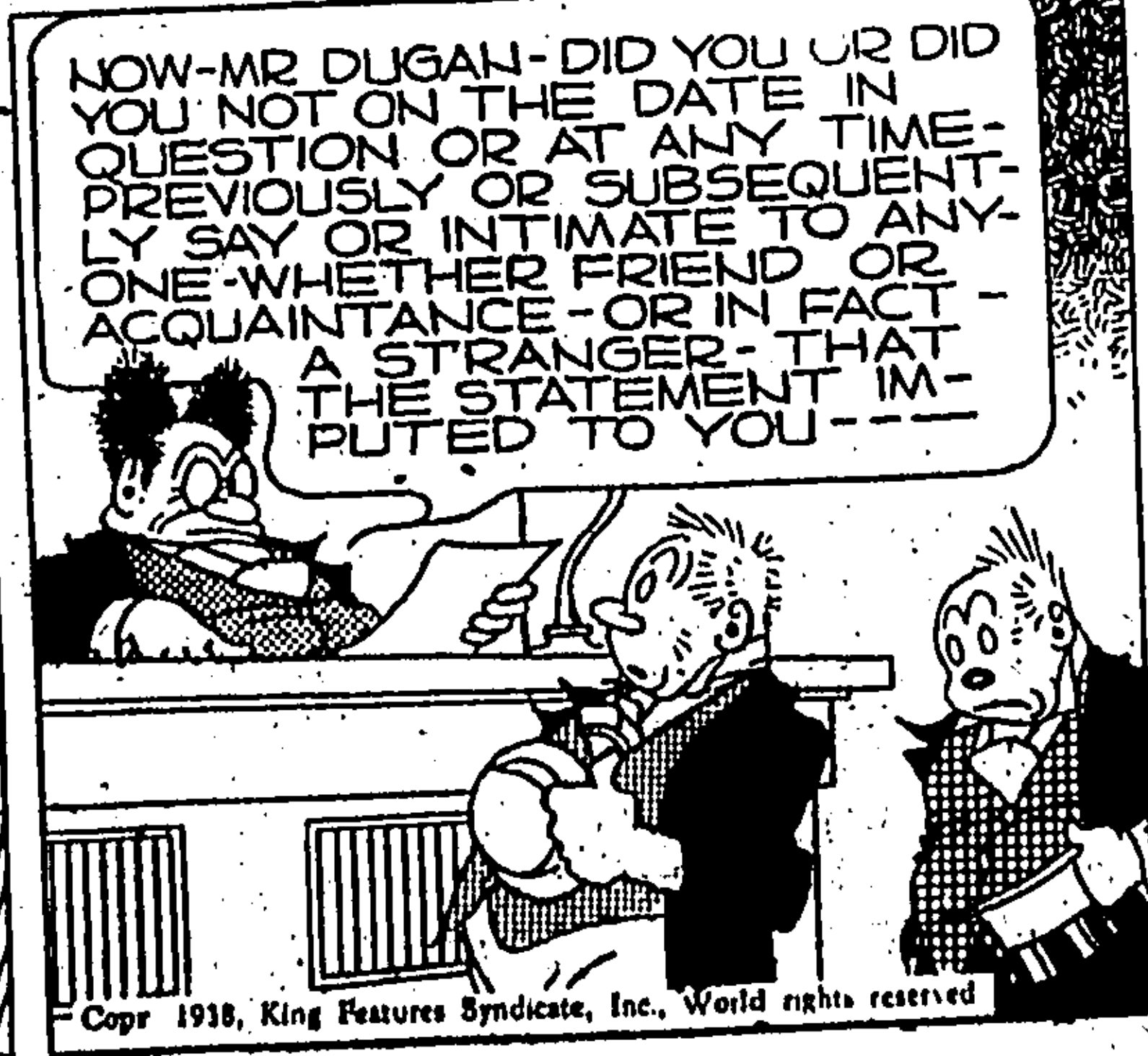
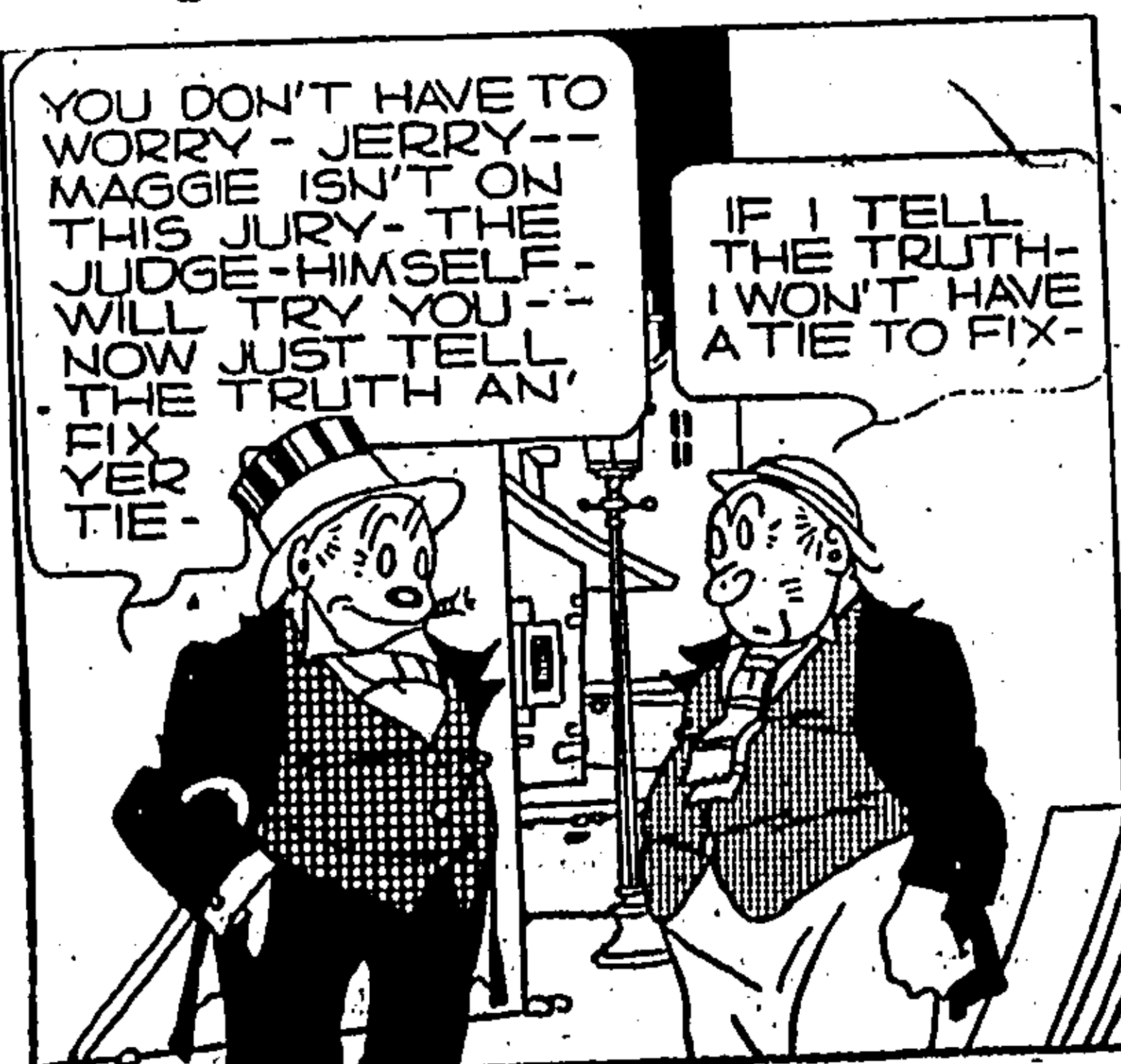
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The new London University boathouse at Strand-on-the-Green is said to be one of the finest in the world. It offers facilities for present and past members of the various colleges and huge indoor tanks enable practice to be carried out in the evenings. Photo shows mirror practice by girls of the London University Boat Club in the tank at the new boathouse.

Bringing Up Father



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FROM "CURSED ISLAND"



MAN'S SON AS LION TAMER.—Mr. Martin Russel Hawkes, son of the Rev. E. A. Hawkes, Church, Sevenoaks, claims to be the only clergyman's son lion tamer. He is appearing with a circus and is now training them at Billericay, Essex. A remarkable picture taken from a yard and a half showing a jumping lion watched by Mr. Russel Hawkes.

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"We have heard the broadcast from Tananarivo (Madagascar) at 3 p.m. Greenwich mean time. Will Tananarivo call us? We are listening. We hope Madagascar will come to our rescue."
The message added that there was sickness, especially scurvy, among the colonists, and that they had reboarded their ship, which was somewhere off the island.

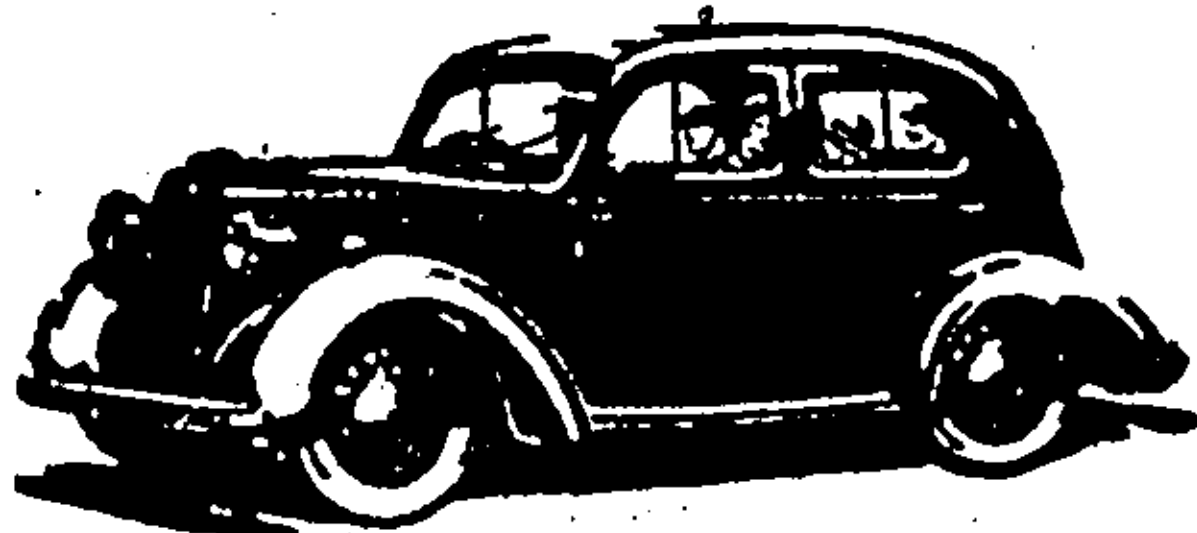
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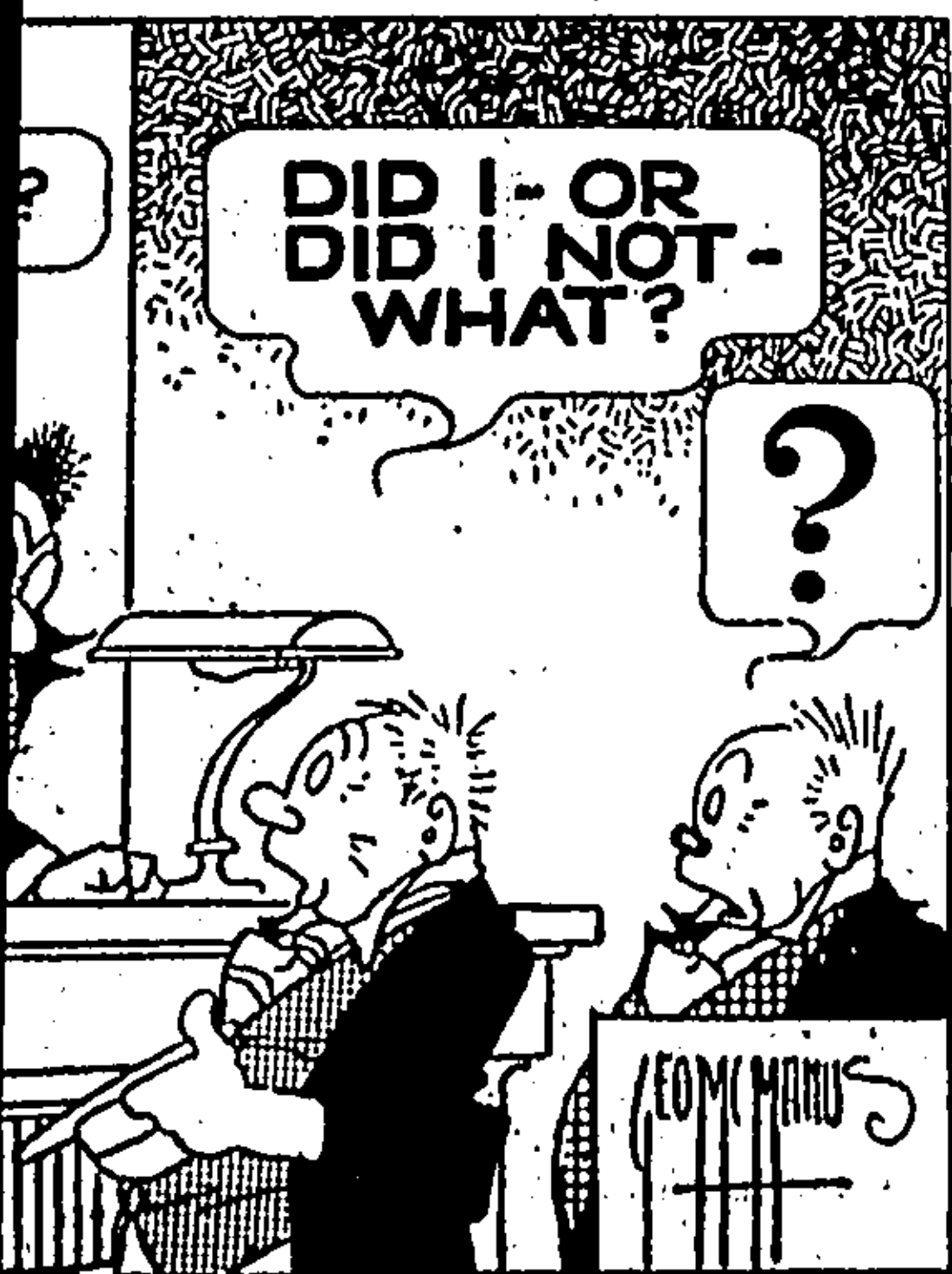


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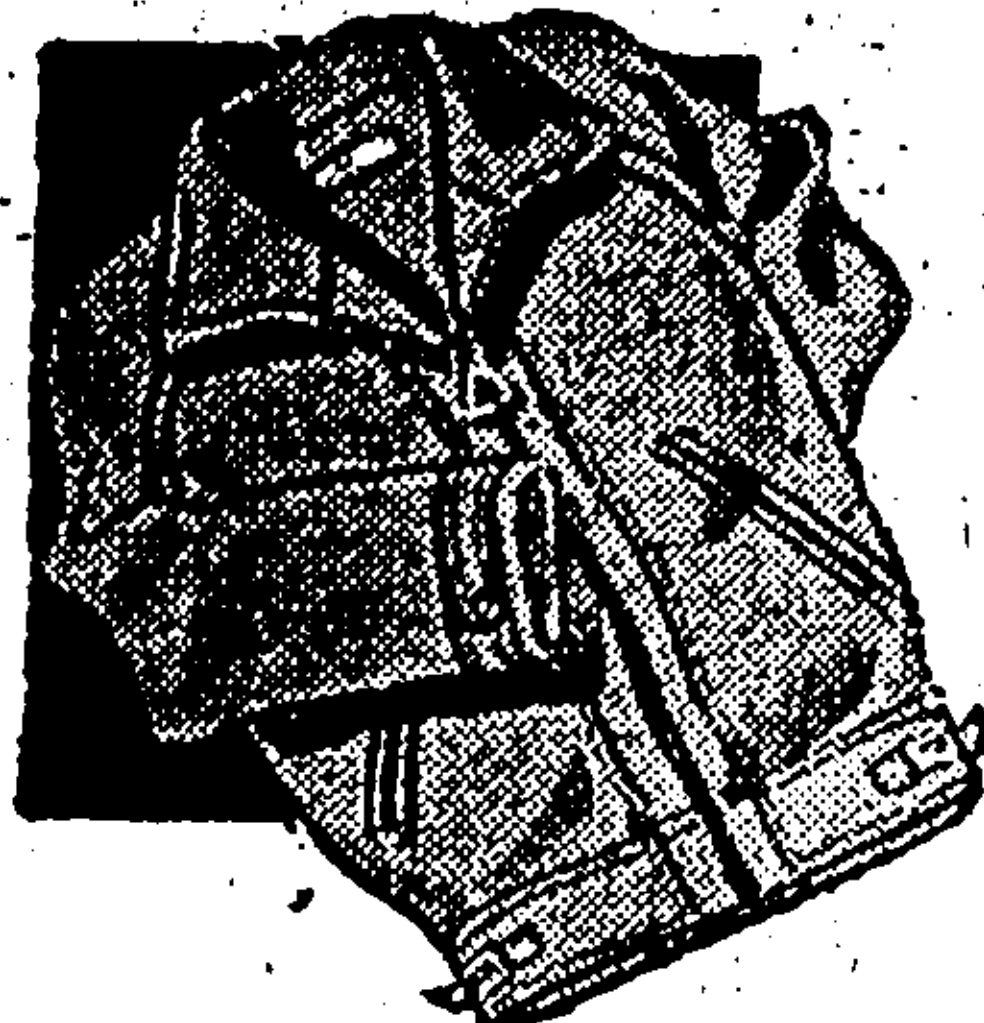
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Your Beauty Page by
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Yet, so much can be done with hardly noticeable touches! If your face is too long or your chin too sharp, blend in a little bit of rouge at the point of the chin.

And remember another thing, an all-off-the-face hair-sweep leaves a larger area of cheek and brow for rouge and powder to cover.

Carry your colour outward along the cheek-bones towards the ears—unless your face is too broad, in which case keep rouge to the cheek-bone's inner curve). And look out for a too-white hair line. One last rouge hint. If your eyes are large and brilliant, you can afford to rouge more gaily than if they are large and brilliant, you can afford to rouge more gaily than if they are serene and small.

Having rouged, the next two problems are powder. Yes—two problems! For there are to be two different layers.

Your first powder for evening make-up must be a little darker than your skin tone, and you must apply it very generously, patting it thickly on and removing excess with your complexion brush.

Now set it, just as you did the foundation base, with cotton wool soaked in skin tonic: this makes for a good matt finish and prevents that ageing, over-powdered look.

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The second-powdering is applied after mouth and eyes have had their first adornment and wait only for the final touch.

This time, use a powder lighter than the skin tone.

Lips must shine with a lacquered look, and will, of course, be the same colour as your rouge.

Finally, this year's beauty bulletin says: Accent your eyes in the evening.

When you come to make them up, dip your mascara brush into hot water; it does a better job.

Then brush the mascara up and out on the sides of the lashes, away from the nose, to make them look long and curly. Shadow and eyebrow pencil complete your beauty.

And now, do you know what? You're looking smart enough and pretty enough to get away with any little frivolous dodge you haven't dared to try before for fear of looking silly!

Three gauzy butterflies in your hair, and butterflies painted on your high heels like Grace Moore.

And if you're afraid the breeze will spoil your coiffure, take a tip from Claudette Colbert; protect it with a mantilla of black or white lace. Nothing could be more becoming to your shining eyes, your glowing lips and your Chinese porcelain skin.

N.B.
If your eyes are not very large, go steady with the rouge.
Use two powders—a dark one first.
Never forget your throat and shoulders.
Dip your mascara brush into hot water before doing your eyes.



Some women place liquid powder over one of the other foundation bases.

But whatever foundation you use, use it thinly. Otherwise the powder will lump, your skin will feel sticky and your face will shine. It isn't extra everything for the bright lights!

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Don't on any account forget your throat and shoulders. Liquid powder is a good make-up for them.

Use a slightly lighter shade than for your face, as they are apt to show up fallow. Besides, they get no other beauty accents.

The next thing to do is to soak some cotton wool in skin tonic, and press it upon the make-up base. This "sets" it and keeps it moist. Upon the moistened base blend in your cream rouge.

If you are going to a dance you will need more rouge than usual.

There will probably be rather brilliant lighting to make you look pale, and besides, it looks well in a crowd to wear a slightly heavier make-up than would be right for a cosy evening at the cinema with one man.

Always make-up in a strong light to be on the safe side: if the lighting where you go is kind and soft after all, you still look charming.

But do be very careful not to over-rouge. Skilful rouging is the hardest of all the beauty techniques to learn.

Too much rouge is ageing and hard, and can look downright ridiculous or ugly.

TO-DAY I'm going to write a real luxury page, a page for treats! I have spent so much time nagging at you about all the dull necessities, brushing your hair, grooming your hands, keeping your pores clean.

I have stressed so often the necessity of always looking soignée, of never being careless over your make-up for shopping or the office.

You must be sick of the regular routine, and all the old things we do just for self-respect. All right! Let's get ready for stepping out to-night.

That's when it's really fun to make up, when you don't grudge a minute of your trouble.

Wouldn't it be just like the cursedness of things if you didn't look your best after all?

But it's my job to make sure that you **DO**—and if you take my advice you **WILL**.

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Fetching Gowns To Dramatise Fragrance

History tells how queens, and other titled beauties, had their own special essences, brewed by the leading chemists of their day, and how they jealously guarded their treasured formulas. For individual perfume, since time began, has been considered the final touch to every woman's allure.

Time marches on, though, and now in 1938, gowns are being created to dramatise some of the more popular fragrances. Perhaps this is to educate women in the

proper wearing of scents. For a languid smelling mixture should by no means be worn with heavy Harris tweeds! And designers, being sensitive souls, desire that we wear the most appropriate gown of colour and cut, with the fragrance which inspired its creation!

If You Are The Type

One perfume which is within your means, inspired the creation of a romantic Alice-blue gown with sweeping skirt of yards of fullness and a bosom accenting bodice. Its colour—a radiant blue of depth—is supposed to be reminiscent of the blue dusk before nightfall, which Paris (in good weather) is supposed to have. This flattering of shades is gloriously feminine and definitely not for the ultra-sophisticate or the independent spirit.

With such a gown—or the same gown if you can buy it—you wear the perfume to be complete. A pretty blue gown on a sweetly fragile young girl! Alluring, tantalising, hopeful!

Though you will probably not buy this particular gown, the idea behind the suggestion is an excellent example to develop. By sniffing them all, you will soon discover certain fragrances which are most complimentary to your several gowns or suits or coats. Don't just wear a perfume because you like the scent. Wear it when its scent will dramatise what you are wearing and You.

Better perfumes are sold in small quantities so you may now be a queen—if not with a country to rule—at least a queen of fashion!

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"About this time of the year," says hopeful Hilda, "most of us can count the Christmas shopping days and our shopping money on the same hand."



In deep meditation this lovely young lady is thinking of which perfume to wear. A drop below her ear—a sniff—a choice! Her gown must be appropriate to her aura of fragrance!

Before going to this reducing diet get approval of a physician.

ELEVENTH DAY

Cutting calories to 1300 to 1600

BREAKFAST

Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast 50
1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange and grapefruit juice mixed 100
1 shredded wheat biscuit (softened with water) with 1/2 cup of skimmed milk ... 150
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage) —

Total 300

LUNCHEON

1 cup chicken soup 100
Chopped egg salad sandwich . 250
Fresh fruit 50

Total 400



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DINNER

2 raw carrot stalks 15
1 cup baked macaroni and cheese 200
Large tomato and lettuce salad with raw onion and diet dressing 150

Calories Fruit compote (6 pieces) 150

Total 515

50 Total calories for day 1215

Tall girl allowed 1500



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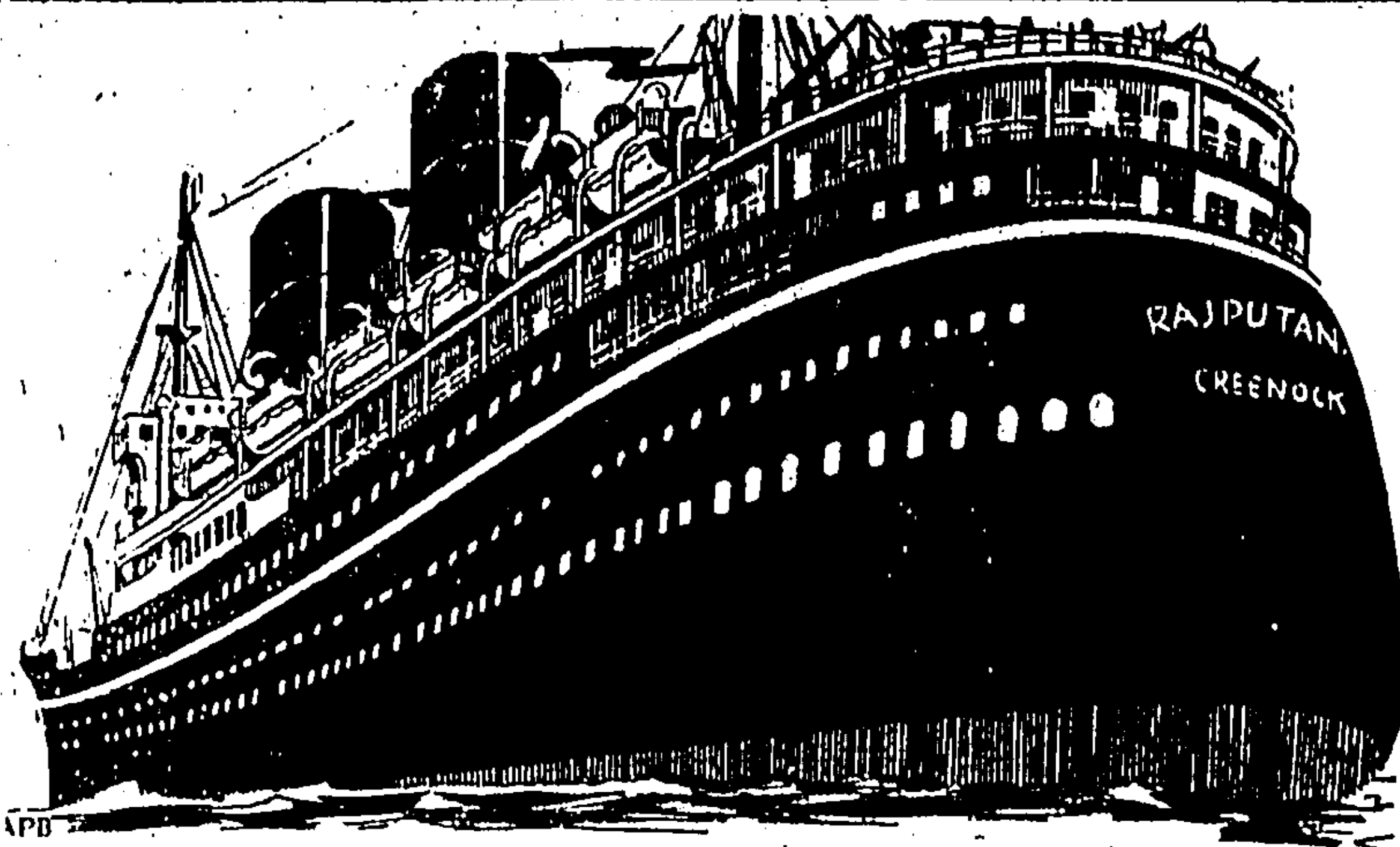
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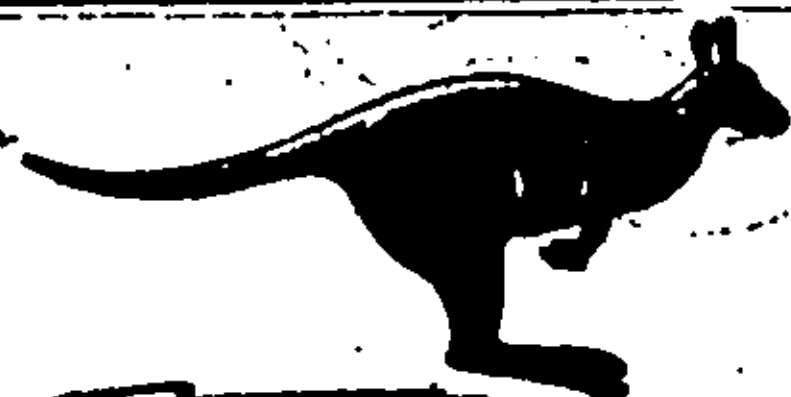
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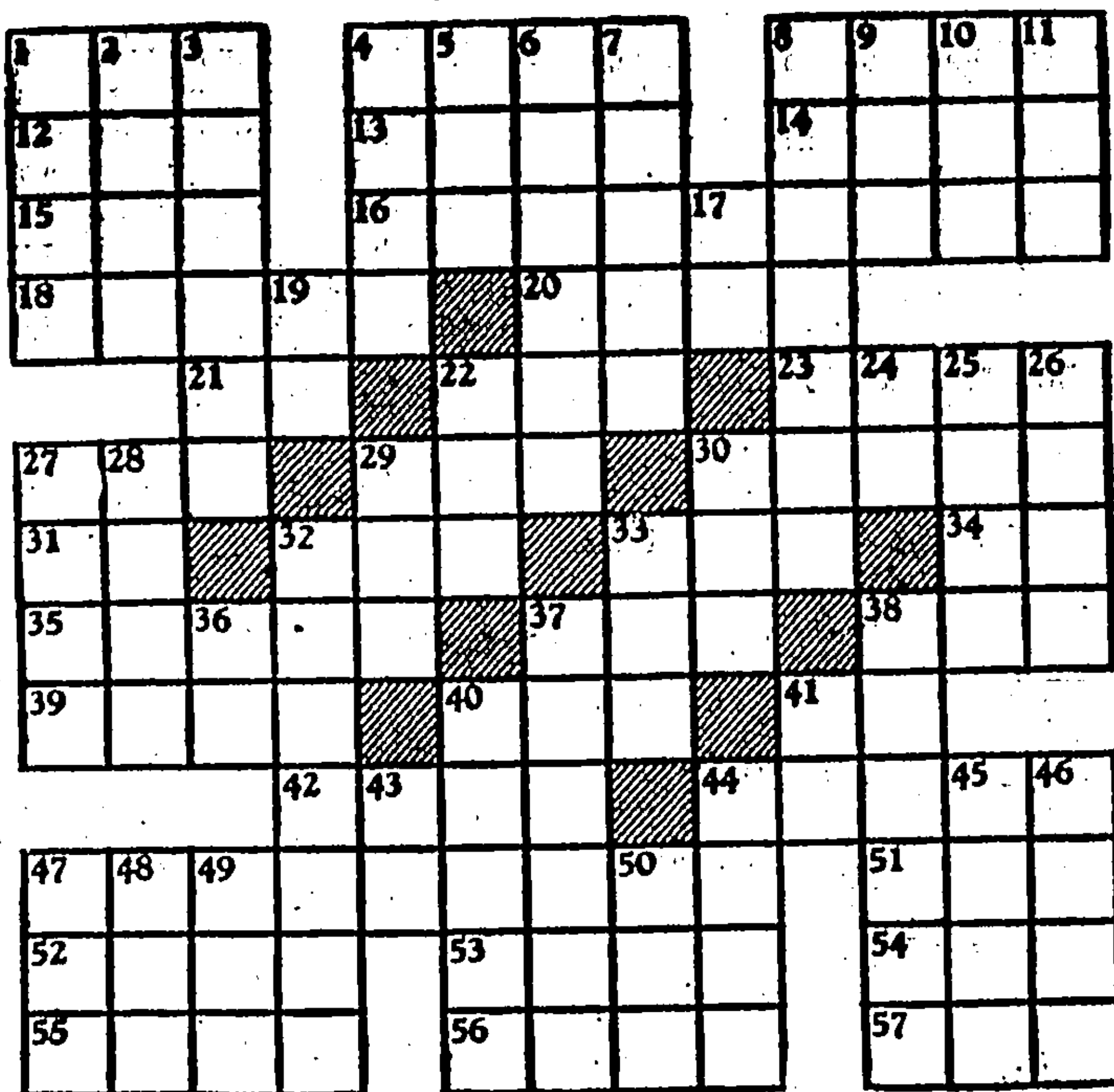
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- 4 To travel
- 8 To ponder
- 12 French friend
- 13 Arm bone
- 14 Pennsylvania city
- 15 Nothing
- 16 Apostates
- 18 Platform
- 20 Famous tear
- 21 Tellurium (sym.)
- 22 Greek letter
- 23 Colloquial: fathers
- 27 Pronoun
- 29 Female deer
- 30 Scene of crime
- 31 Chinese measure
- 32 Evil deed
- 33 Distant
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Mines entrances
- 37 Feline
- 38 Nourished
- 39 Carte
- 40 Engraving

VERTICAL

- 41 To depart
- 42 Unyielding
- 44 Knocks down
- 47 Note to be spoken
- 51 Period
- 52 Part
- 53 Blood vessel
- 54 Silk worm
- 55 Dry

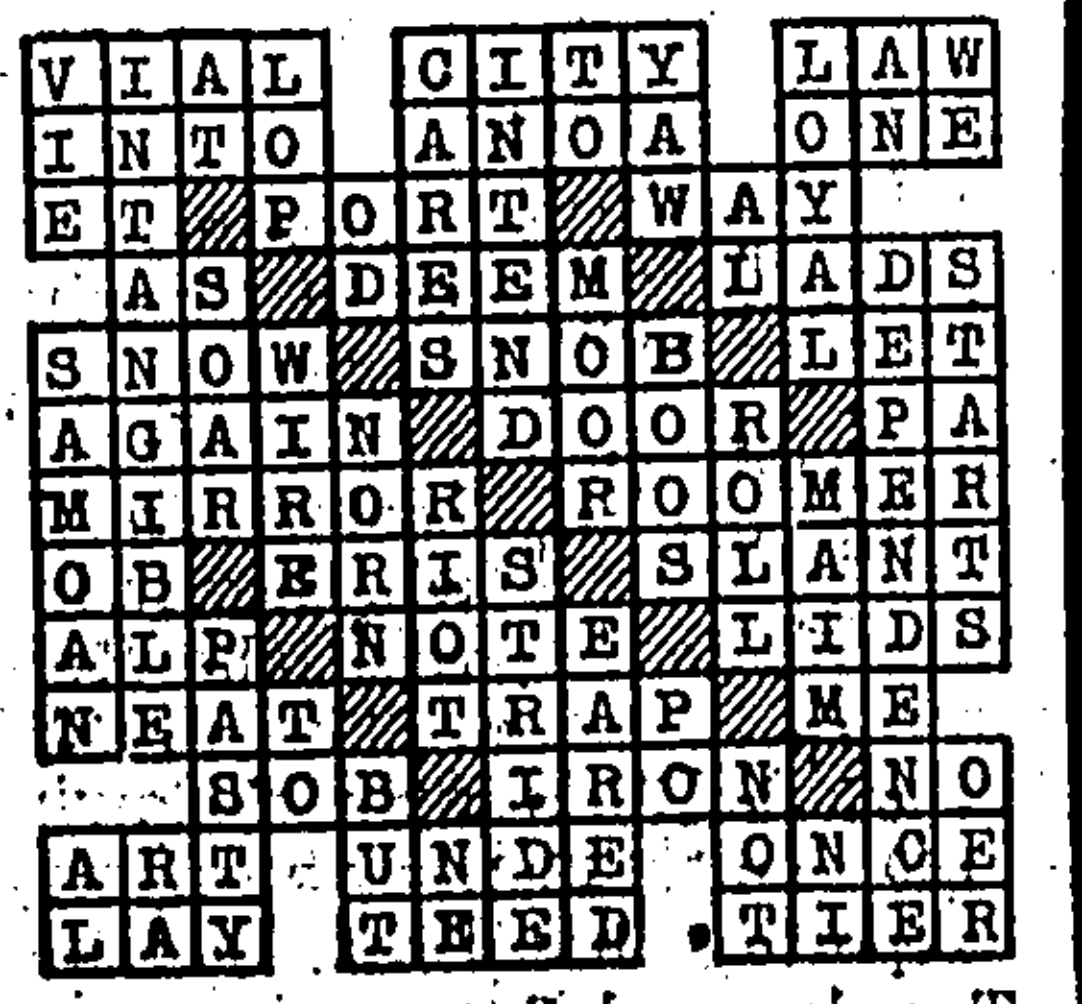
VERTICAL

- 56 Sea birds
- 57 German article
- 1 Kitchen dishes
- 2 To leave out
- 3 To widen
- 4 Confident
- 5 Beverage
- 6 To urge

VERTICAL

- 7 Insect stage
- 8 To wander
- 9 Vase
- 10 Lighted
- 11 French article
- 17 Babylonian god
- 19 Brother of Odin
- 22 Vast age
- 24 One
- 25 To deceive
- 26 To sow
- 27 Bridge term
- 28 To conceal
- 29 Underworld god
- 30 Large tub
- 32 Crammed
- 33 Obese
- 36 Within
- 37 To hinder
- 38 Pleated
- 40 To desire
- 41 Earth goddess
- 43 Whether
- 44 Marshes
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- 46 To agitate
- 47 Man's name
- 48 And not
- 49 Man's name
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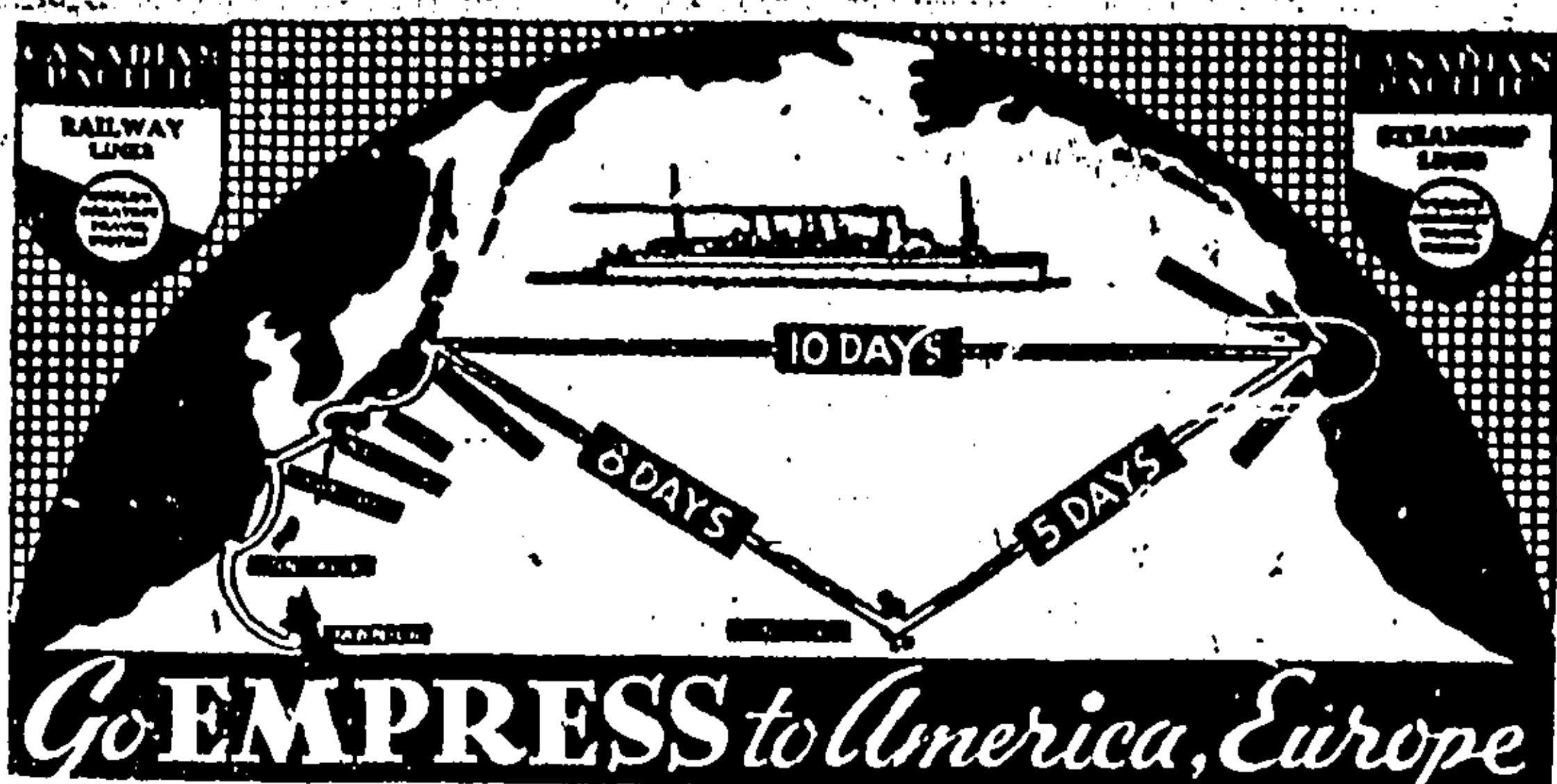
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LEAVE TO APPEAL IN LI HEI-TING CASE REFUSED

LEAVE TO APPEAL AGAINST THE CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF TWO YEARS AND SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR, PASSED ON LI HEI-TING BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON DECEMBER 22, WAS REJECTED THIS MORNING BY MR. JUSTICE LINDSELL AND MR. JUSTICE FRASER.

Appearing for appellant were Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, while Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada jnr., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for complainant.

Li Hei-ting was found guilty of obtaining a sum of \$19,000 from Chiu Li-tze by means of a confidence trick.

Mr. Sheldon said that the application for leave to appeal was based on the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, No. 5, of 1923.

Another application which Mr. Sheldon said that he would make to the Full Court if the present application was granted, was permission to call further evidence that of the concubine of appellant who was present at certain gambling which took place between appellant and complainant.

"UNSAFE"

The trial judge's notes of the trial outlined defendant's case as an allegation that he was framed because defendant would not pay a \$900 gambling debt.

According to plaintiff, she handed over to appellant \$19,000 and he had stolen it, while the evidence of appellant was a total denial of this story, alleging that the prosecution had put up a fabricated case and that his whole offence was owing \$900 to complainant as a gambling debt.

Grounds of the appeal were that it would be unsafe for the conviction to stand because of the great conflict of evidence.

"It boils down to this," said counsel. "The evidence of complainant and her daughter-in-law, who corroborated her, although on the face of it the testimony of the two people was almost the same as that of one person. That evidence was wholly uncorroborated by any one else and, by itself, shows a most extraordinary story."

APPLICATION REFUSED

Rejecting the application, Mr. Justice Lindsell said: "We are of the opinion that this is not a case in which leave to appeal should be granted."

"It is quite clear from the judge's notes that there was abundant evidence of the whole transaction which resulted in defendant's arrest and trial."

"The question for the jury to decide was purely one of fact. They heard the two witnesses concerned and having had that evidence and there being no question of misdirection in the summing-up—indeed it is admitted that it was not unfavourable to appellant—then decided that the charge in the indictment was proved."

"In the circumstances, and the cases quoted form no parallel whatever in my opinion, it seems to us that we cannot interfere or allow the matter to go to the Full Court for possible revision."

"For that reason, we hold that leave to appeal should not be granted."

Lau Sze-kun, master of the Man Sang factory, No. 140 and 148, Quinan Street, has reported that between 11 p.m. on Tuesday and 6 a.m. yesterday, some person stole twenty rolls of cotton cloth to the value of \$40 from the above address.

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Accused Of Espionage

Four Germans, accused of being connected with an extensive espionage organisation in Denmark, have been expelled from the country and told that they must never return.

The inquiries of the Danish police, which have resulted in the arrest of 4 people, are now coming to an end.

Capt. Pfluck-Hartung, a German, who is the alleged leader of the organisation, and the nine other people under arrest will appear in court.

It is expected that they will be charged with organising an intelligence service for a foreign Power with the object of giving information to that Power by means of passing ships and aeroplanes in time of war.

Dr. Munch, the Danish Foreign Minister, stated that there was no truth in rumours that German agents were attempting to remove Jews from Danish business life. Reports to this effect have appeared in Communist newspapers.

The whole question will probably be discussed at the conference of Scandinavian Foreign Ministers at Helsingfors this month.

M. Sandler, the Swedish Foreign Minister, has drawn attention to similar activities in Sweden.

NAZI SPY CHARGE BY U.S. SENATOR

Washington, Jan. 6.

The accusation that German employees in American Consulates are accomplices in spying activities for the Reich was made here to-day by Senator William H. Smathers, Democrat of New Jersey, in a letter to Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"American Consuls are certain that German employees make daily reports to the Gestapo on the activities of the Consulates," he added. He demanded that all employees in American Consulates in the Reich be American citizens.

Boston Society's Allegation

Meanwhile Massachusetts State Charity Commission has opened an investigation into the activities of the German Relief Society in Boston, to find out whether it is in financial relations with the Reich.

The investigation was decided upon following a statement made by the District Attorney for the State of New York accusing German travelling agencies of sending funds to Germany in exchange for "tourist marks" sold in the U.S.A. through this society.—Havas.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT CONFERENCE

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD AN INTERNATIONAL WHEAT CONFERENCE, WITH WHICH IS LINKED THE PROSPECT OF AN INTERNATIONAL WHEAT SCHEME, IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE MET WITH GENERAL FAVOUR AT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

It is expected that statements on behalf of the various governments on the subject will be completed this morning when the Committee meets again.

A memorandum which is understood to have been prominent in the discussion is stated to suggest that the minimum period of the agreement be five years.

The report of the secretariat, issued yesterday, points out that while it is too early to forecast the area sown in wheat for harvest in 1939, it may be confidently predicted that the area will be very considerably smaller than in 1938. —Reuter.

BRITISH CHAIRMAN

The Committee, says British Wireless, continued its examination of reports submitted on various aspects of the world wheat situation and the problem of the large carryover, and entered upon discussion of the prospects of such an agreement in principle on measures for solving the problem as would justify convening of a new international wheat conference.

It was announced that the British Government had agreed, in compliance with the Committee's request, to nominate a chairman to succeed the United States Ambassador in London, who had intimated his inability to continue to hold that office, while emphasising that his resignation signified no diminution of the interest of his Government in the Committee or its work.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-5/16 and forward at 19-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6706 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.67.

HER KNEES SWELLED UP LIKE PUDDINGS

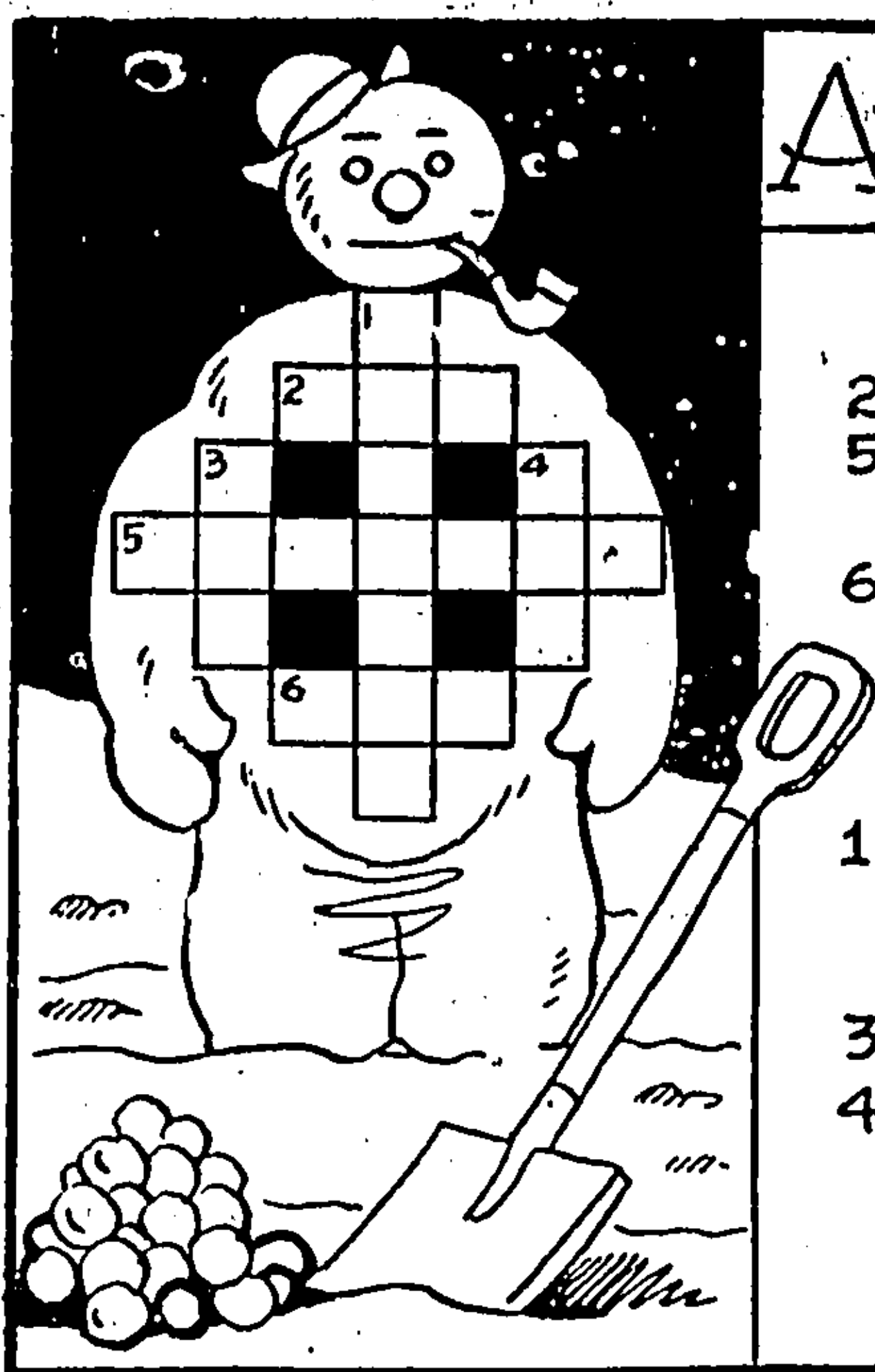
To Go Upstairs was Agony

There is nothing in which rheumatism is a greater handicap than in doing ordinary household duties—kneeling, stooping, running up and down stairs. How to overcome that handicap, and banish rheumatic aches and pains for good, is the subject of the following letter:—

"I have been taking Kruschen Salts for three months, and am still taking the daily dose. When I started, I had rheumatism in both knees. They were very swollen—just like puddings. I could not rise from a chair without assistance, I could not kneel, and go upstairs was agony. Now I can run upstairs and kneel as much as I like. My age is 37, I am 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, and weigh 13 stone, so you might guess my legs have a weight to carry. I have just bought another bottle of Kruschen. Since I have taken it, I can work like a horse."—(Mrs.) H.S.

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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



A Junior Cross-Word Puzzle

ACROSS

- 2 AGED
5 A MAN MADE OF SNOW
6 WRITING FLUID

DOWN

- 1 MOVING ALONG SLOWLY, AS A STREAM
3 A SINGLE UNIT
4 FUEL

(A.W. NUGENT)

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

W W W S
W R A T H
S A G E R
H T E A L
H R L

Answer to-morrow.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1410 b., \$1440 s., \$1440/50 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$470 b.
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H. K. Fire Ins. \$175 b.

SHIPPING

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H. K. Docks (Old) \$18½ s.

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Antamoks Ps. 49 sa.
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Coco Grove Ps. .50 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .26 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .63 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .13 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 1.78 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .21 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .67 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$7.05 s., \$7 sa.
H. K. Lands \$37½ sa.
Humphreys \$8½ b.
H. K. Realities \$5.65 s.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$17½ s., \$17.60 sa.
China Lights c. rts. \$9.70 s.
China Lights (Rights) \$3½ b., \$3.60 s.

H. K. Electrics \$57½ b., \$58½ s., \$58 sa.

Sandakan Lights \$10 b.
Telephones (Old) \$23½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$16.90 s.
H. K. Ropes \$4 b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$24.80 s.
Watsons \$8.20 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7 b.
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BERLIN AND TOKYO EXCHANGE GREETINGS

Berlin, Jan. 5.

General Seishiro Itagaki, Japanese War Minister, and Prince Kotohito Kan-In, Chief of the Japanese General Staff, wired the "friendly greetings of the Japanese army to the great German army and best wishes for the development of friendship between the two peoples" to General von Keitel, head of the Reichswehr, to-day.

The German military leaders replied by extending their best wishes to the Japanese army.—Havas.

SUEZ CANAL DENIAL

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Finance Minister, Ahmed Maher, declared yesterday that the Egyptian Government had no intention of prolonging the Suez Canal concession and denied that the Egyptian Government was negotiating with the Suez Canal Company on prolongation.—Trans-Ocean.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

London, To-day.

The Board of Trade Index of wholesale prices for 1938 shows that the average for the year was 6.7 per cent. lower than for 1937. The decline last year followed increases over the four preceding years.—British Wireless.

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Hong Kong, 1st. March, 1937.

First Hockey Interport Trial

WEALTH OF TALENT AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY 22

Main Problems Will Be Halves And Inside Forwards

(By "STICKS")

In spite of the fact that they are lacking in confirmation of the Interport from Macao, the Hong Kong Hockey Association are proceeding with their Interport trials as a normal procedure and hope to stage their first on Sunday, January 22, at 10.30 a.m. on the Club ground.

There is a wealth of talent available from the 33 players nominated by the various affiliated clubs and most of these represent the best in the Colony, thereby eliminating a waste of time.

Outstanding feature of the nominated players are the many Naval players, some of whom stand an excellent chance of securing Colony honours.

Elsewhere on this page the players have been placed under separate headings denoting the positions they have filled both this season and in the past, which should help clarify the position somewhat, particularly as there are a great number of claimants for some of the positions and only one or two for another.

THE GOALKEEPERS

With the retirement of M. Ramzan, K.I.T.C. custodian, we have four very mediocre and sometimes brilliant goalkeepers to choose from and of these Lt. Goodwin (Navy) and Ribeiro (Recreio) have been most consistent during the present season. Benwell can be magnificent on his day.

In the full-back division, the Colony should be able to field a very strong rear-guard pair. V. C. Bond, (C.B.A.) has only recently occupied the right-back position for his team and has to date performed creditably, although not brilliantly. Lt. Carr (Navy) has been consistently good in the Triangular Tournament matches, but is by no means good enough to withstand the shock-tactics of the Macao forwards.

Pte. Stickley, who played for the Colony last season, has deteriorated greatly this season and is a long way off Interport form.

A STRONG CONTENDER

In H. Sommer (Y.M.C.A.), however, we have the sturdy type of back, who clears his line with powerful accurate hitting, relying to a great extent upon sound positioning.

He played against the Colony for the Deutscher Klub (German Hockey Club, Shanghai) several seasons ago and should catch the eye of the selectors. J. Gonsalves (Recreio), formerly an Interport left-half, is now playing at left-back, and is another very reliable player, sound in his positioning and quick on the recovery. D. Taylor (C.B.A.)

WHERE THEY HAVE PLAYED

The following players, invited to attend the Club ground on January 22, are given below in positions they have occupied during the past and present seasons:—

GOALKEEPERS:

U. B. Souza (Radio), V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.), Lt. Goodwin (R. Navy), O. Ribeiro (Recreio).

FULL-BACKS:

V. C. Bond (C.B.A.), Lt. Carr (R. Navy), Pte. Stickley (Middlesex), H. Sommer (Y.M.C.A.), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), D. Taylor (C.B.A.).

HALF-BACKS:

Cpl. Whetton (R.E.), W. A. Reed (Recreio), Lt. Firth (R. Navy), M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Hook (R.A.), J. Kempton (Y.M.C.A.), M. H. Hassan (Radio), R. Marques (Recreio), Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (R. Navy), Sgt. Dawson (R.A.F.).

FORWARDS (RIGHT WING):

Lt. Whitworth (R. Navy), S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.), D. T. Smith (C.B.A.).

FORWARDS (INSIDE RIGHT):

Gurbachan Singh (Radio), H. T. Bartlett (R.A.F.), S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.).

FORWARDS (CENTRE FORWARD):

Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (R. Navy), G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.), Capt. Lawder (Kumaon Rifles), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.).

FORWARDS (INSIDE-LEFT):

Sgt. Dawson (R.A.F.), Nerain Singh (Kumaon Rifles), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Medd (R. Navy).

FORWARDS (LEFT WING):

F. O. Miller ("Eagle"), Partaub Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

who is the other nominated full-back, is by no means ready for an Interport match.

HALF-BACK PROBLEM

Selection of the three half-backs to represent the Colony will probably present the biggest problem to the selection committee, for here we have a wealth of talent.

Cpl. Whetton, (R.E.), who has probably supplied the outstanding performance of any half-back in the Triangular Hockey Tournament, is a strong contender for honours. Although he received very little opposition at the hands of Navy's forwards, against Macao he would have to settle down to a steady game,

retaining his position instead of running all the way up the wing to cross the ball.

Willy Reed is a certainty for the centre-half position, and his displays this season have been better than ever. It has been said that some of his performances rank with some of the best of his career.

A GOOD SELECTION

Of the remaining half-back position, Lt. Firth (Navy), M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.) former Interport left-half, M. H. Hassan (Radio), R. Marques (Recreio), Lt. Hook (R.A.) and Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (R. Navy) will have to be considered.

Firth has played centre-half for the Navy in the Triangular series, but is not nearly good enough for the Interport team, while the same remarks apply to Hassan and Marques.

In the latter's case it seems a great pity that he was not given Colony honours earlier, for although he has not deteriorated since last season, there are several other claimants who must come before him on merit.

Malik, who played for the Colony at left-half against Macao in the last Interport match, has lost none of his splendid positional play and still remains a strong contender for this position.

THERE IS ANOTHER PLAYER, HOWEVER, WHO BY HIS PERFORMANCES TO DATE, ALSO HAS STRONG CLAIMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE COLONY HALF-BACK LINE. I REFER TO LT. HOOK (R.A.).

The latter has played for the Army in the centre-half position and has given an excellent impression to date. His stickwork is good, but it is his feeding of his forwards that I admire most. Hook is very fast and a splendid defender, but it is pace and stamina which will ultimately tell against Macao's fast attack and for this reason I am inclined to select him for one of the two wing berths.

KENNEDY FOR ATTACK?

Lt. Comdr. Kennedy (Navy) has played at left-half for the Royal Air Force in the Hockey Association Tournament where he has displayed excellent form. But to my way of thinking Kennedy is a much better forward, as witness his last performance for Royal Navy against Army in the Triangular Tournament. I am not suggesting, however, that he assume the leadership of the Colony attack, but he would be an excellent partner for S. A. Fowler, who is more or less assured of inclusion on the right-wing. More on this player.

The selection of the Colony attack is by no means an easy one although in at least three of the positions, there are certainties.



H. Sommer, above, who plays at left-back for the European Y.M.C.A., stands an excellent chance of securing double Interport honours as he has already played for the Shanghai Germans against the Colony and will shortly be participating in the Colony trials, while V. C. Bond, below, also makes his first appearance in a Colony trial, as a full-back.



Sydney Fowler (right-wing), Lt. Pritam Nath (Centre-forward) and Partaub Singh (left-wing) are these three, although D. T. Smith, of C.B.A., has also been in very good form on the right-wing.

THE INSIDE BERTHS

The two inside-berths remain to be filled and I am suggesting that Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, who is a forward of exceptional merit, be given the inside right berth in support of Fowler. Both are the thrustful kind, always up with the ball and deadly in the circle. With Partaub Singh on the left-wing the natural thing to do would be include Nerain Singh as inside-left. Dawson, of the R.A.F., however, is an unusually brilliant player for this position although inclined to be selfish at times. Still of the two on this season's performance, I would rather have Dawson. I am certain, however, that Nerain will probably be selected if only to maintain that balance which is so necessary in attack.

MY SELECTIONS

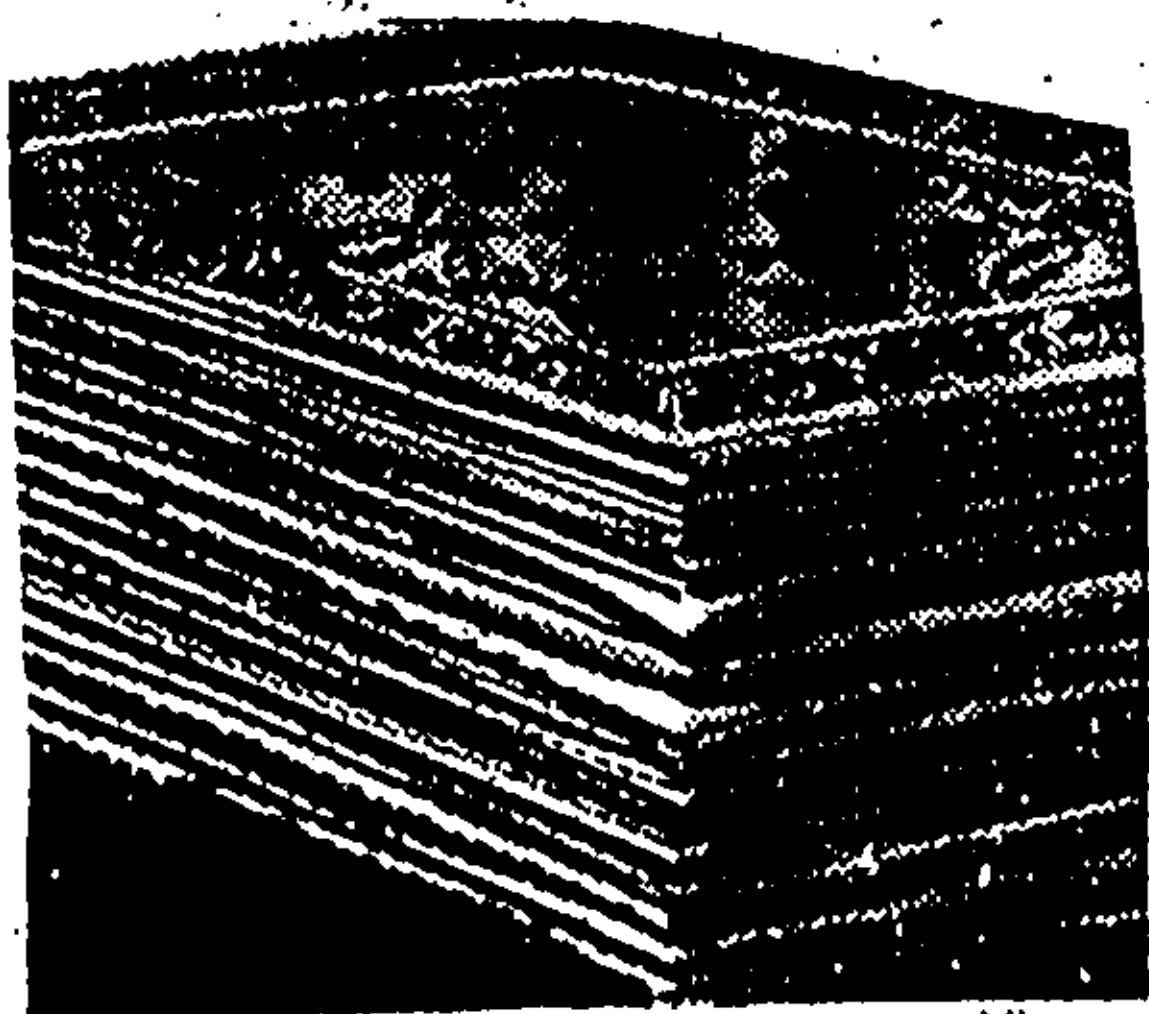
On the conclusions I have drawn above, I would select the Probable and Possible teams as follows:

Probables: O. Ribeiro (Recreio); V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and H. Sommer (Y.M.C.A.); Cpl. Whetton (R.E.), W. A. Reed (Recreio) and Lt. Hook (R.A.); S. A. Fowler (Club), Lt. Gdr. Kennedy (R. Navy), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Sgt. Dawson (R.A.F.) and Partaub Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

Possibles: Lt. Goodwin (R. Navy); J. Gonsalves (Recreio) and Lt. Carr (R. Navy); R. Marques (Recreio), Lt. Firth (R. Navy) and M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) and F. O. Miller ("Eagle").

I understand that Mr. R. Henderson, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Hockey Association has written to the Macao Hockey Club requesting an immediate reply confirming the date and time of the Interport match.

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Civilian Team For Lai Wah Cup

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SELECTORS

MATCH AGAINST ARMY WILL BE UNOFFICIAL INTERPORT TRIAL

(By "UBIQUE")

The responsibility of selection of the Civilian team to meet Army in the First Round of the Lai Wah Cup Competition, on January 21, is indeed heavy in view of the impending Interport with Manila, and due to the fact that the game itself will be an unofficial Interport trial.

It will be readily admitted that few of the Civilian players will find a place in the Interport team in view of the talent available among the Chinese, Army and Navy players, but there are some who should secure representative honours.

There Will Be Dearth Of Referees

For a considerable time following the departure of the Transport Dilwara for England, Hong Kong Football Association will seriously feel the pinch for first class referees, as many will have left on this vessel.

Added to this, the Medway and Submarines and the Eagle, which will probably be leaving shortly on their annual Southern cruise, will be taking away at least half a dozen well-known referees.

Among those leaving on the Dilwara are S/Sgt. Finch, (R.A.O.C.), S/Sgt. Ottaway (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. MacCormac (R.A.S.C.), besides Welsh, Brothwell and Sommerville. Hooper, Marriott, Stedman, Thomas, Molyneux, Alwyn, Gamlin and Waldon, of the Navy, will also be away for a month, during which period several important League, Shield and representative matches are scheduled.

LEE WAI TONG INVITED NORTH FOR CHARITY SOCCER SERIES!

The International Relief Committee, in Shanghai, are shortly organising a series of Charity football games in that port and have written to Sir Shou Son-chow, in Hong Kong, to that effect and asking him to approach Lee Wai-tong with an invitation to participate in the games.

No dates have yet been fixed for these games. Lee Wai-tong told the "China Mail" that he had been invited and was most willing to play in these games if his presence would assist the cause to any extent.

As no dates have been given, he is waiting for further particulars and hopes to be able to obtain the necessary leave to make a visit North.

A. J. Dennis Wins Lanford Trophy At Kowloon City

A. J. Dennis with a nett score of 142, won the Lanford Trophy, played over 36 holes at Kowloon Golf Club, on January 8. T. D. Paton was runner up with 143.

T. D. Paton with a score of 79-6=73, and F. C. Barry with a score of 83-9=74 qualified for the Captains Cup (K.G.C.) on January 8. There was a total of 8 entries.

The task of the selectors is made more difficult by the fact that certain outstanding players play in club formations in unaccustomed positions for the good of the club concerned, whereas they would be seen to better advantage in their proper positions.

There is little to choose between the available goalkeepers and either Coles, of the Club, Marques, of the Saints, or McHardy, of the Police could fill the position.

Of the full-backs, Ulrich, of Kowloon, is outstanding, while Blackburn, Souza, C. F. Remedios (really a wing-half), Everest and Eastman (who has played both as back and half) will merit consideration.

In the absence of Beltrao, who will be playing League cricket, the pivotal position should fall to Bliss, of Kowloon, with either one of three in North, Hussain or C. F. Remedios at right half. The left-half berth will probably be decided between E. Strange, of Club, and Honniball, of Kowloon. Both have played in different positions for their Clubs, but their performances as wing-halves in all games have been very sound.

Though little has been seen of P. Bell, the Shanghai Interporter, who plays for Kowloon, he will also have to be given consideration.

There are several obvious choices in the attack. P. Jorge is undoubtedly the best inside-forward of any civilian Club, while D. Leonard is at present playing at the top of his form. Gomes, his club mate, is a great schemer and with an understanding with his winger should give the Army defence many anxious moments. A. V. Gosano will probably be engaged with cricket.

The right-winger should come from either Kowloon or Club. Knox, of Kowloon, has been playing well lately, while Fowler, of Club, who, in an unaccustomed position as centre-forward has been their most dangerous forward, should vie for the berth.

The left wing-berth should fall to Reifersen, of Kowloon.

The following is my selections (barring injuries): Coles, C. F. Remedios and Ulrich; North, Bliss and Honniball; Fowler, Jorge, Leonard, Gomes and Rietsen.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET XI FOR SUNDAY

The following will represent Hong Kong Volunteers at cricket against Club de Recreio on Sunday, January 15, on Recreio ground, at 11.00 a.m. sharp: A. C. Beck (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, D. M. N. King, W. L. McKenzie, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride, W. Stoker, A. Zimmermann, E. Zimmermann.

Umpire: T. A. Madar.

Football's a man's game, and women don't look well playing it.—Ted Robbins, Welsh F.A. secretary.

NEW ZEALAND'S EMPIRE SPORTS TOURNAMENT

As part of the New Zealand Centennial celebrations, Auckland committee are to promote an Empire sports tournament from January 6-15, 1940. Invitations are being sent to Britain, Canada, South Africa, Australia and the British West Indies to send teams to the meeting, which will include track and field athletics, rowing, swimming, lawn tennis and bowls. A contest for deep sea fishermen of all countries in New Zealand waters is also being arranged.

LADIES' HOCKEY

NO REPLY TO H.K. PROPOSAL FOR TRIANGULAR INTERPORT

(By "STICKS")

I was informed yesterday that the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Association have not yet received a reply from either the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association or the Singapore Ladies' Hockey Association regarding the Triangular Interport which it is proposed to stage here.

If a reply is not received by the end of the current week, a meeting of the H.K.L.H.A. Council will probably be called to decide upon the next move, as there is not much time left before the approaching Chinese New Year holidays, when it is proposed to hold the series.



PLAYERS FOR 1ST INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

The first Interport hockey trial will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 23, when the following players are requested to attend.

All players are requested to be on the ground by 10.30 a.m. with one coloured and one white shirt.

U. B. Souza (Radio), V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.), Lt. Goodwin (R.N.), O. Ribeiro (Recreio), V. Bond (C.B.A.), Lt. Carr (R.N.), Stickley (Middlesex), Sommer (Y.M.C.A.), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), D. Taylor (C.B.A.), Sgt. Whetton (R.E.), W. Reed (Recreio), Lt. Firth (R.N.), Malik (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Hook (R.A.), Kempton (Y.M.C.A.), Dawson (R.A.F.), Lt. Whitworth (R.N.), Hassan (Radio), R. Marques (Recreio), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Lt. Comdr. Kennedy (R.N.), Nerain (Kumaon Rifles), Partaub (Kumaon Rifles), S. Fowler (C.B.A.), G. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), F.O. Miller ("Eagle"), Capt. Lawder (Kumaon Rifles), D. Smith (C.B.A.), Bartlett (R.A.F.), Lt. Medd (R.N.).

Of recent years there has been so much talk about specialised tactics in football that players have not had the opportunity of developing their knowledge or their initiative. There is but little difference in the footballing or ball manipulating ability of players. Where the gap widens is in the application of this ability during match play, and, generally speaking, it is in this direction that so many footballers fail.—Arthur Grimsdell.

Many Army Sportsmen For England

MIDDLESEX TO LOSE WATSON, GROGAN AND HAIGH

LT. R. A. BARRON LEAVING

Army sports circles will be sadly depleted by the departure for Home of the Transport Dilwara, on January 23, when sportsmen from all branches will be leaving either on transfer or termination of service in the East.

Middlesex Regiment's challenge for the First Division of the League should be seriously effected by the departure of Cpl. Watson, their captain and right-back, who stood an excellent change of securing Interport honours against Manila during Chinese New Year.

Pte. Grogan, their right-winger, and Pte. Haigh, their Second Division right-back, and water-polo forward are also leaving.

OTHER PERSONALITIES

Among others who are proceeding to England are Capt. W. P. D. A. O'Grady, R.A., who is well known here for his interest in Army athletics, Lt. R. A. Barron, R. E., who has played cricket for the Army and who has represented them at Swimming; Capt. E. H. B. Neill (Seaforths), who has been Secretary of the Hong Kong Area Sports Board for the past two seasons, and S. S. M. Street, who has been connected with cricket, playing for his unit and for Civil Service Cricket Club.

IMPORTANT CAER CLARK CUP TIE FOR END OF NEXT MONTH

Ladies' Hockey Card This Week End

(By "STICKS")

I learn that the all-important Caer Clark Cup hockey match between "Y" Ladies, holders of the trophy, and St. Andrew's Ladies, their strongest challengers, is now not likely to be played until after the completing of the fixtures proper.

This week-end's fixtures will be as follows:

CAER CLARK CUP

C.B.A. v St. Andrew's

(St. Andrew's, 2.45 p.m.)

H.K. Ladies v "Y" Ladies

(Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

Seaforth Ladies v Recreio "A"

(Recreio, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. v Recreio "B"

(C.B.A., 4 p.m.)

C.B. School v St. Andrew's

(C.B. School, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v D.G. School

("Y", 2.45 p.m.)

On Tuesday next, January 17, Central British School and Diocesan Girls School will meet on the former's ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

C. B. A. XI TO MEET R. A. O. C. ON SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent Central British Association against Royal Army Ordnance Corps in a Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament encounter, on C.B.A.'s ground at 10 a.m. on Sunday: J. J. King; V. C. Bond and D. Taylor; I. Kempton, T. Whitley and A. F. Austen; D. T. Smith, S. A. Fowler, G. H. Fowler and N. Dunno.

FINE INNINGS BY BARNES

Melbourne, December 27.

A grand innings of 98 by Sydney Barnes, the young Australian Test player, and another fighting innings by A. Chipperfield, who is 72 not out, enabled New South Wales, the holders of the Sheffield Shield, to avert an innings defeat.

On Saturday, Victoria had scored 348 for three in reply to the first innings total of 294 by New South Wales. Ian Lee (121), Keith Rigg (84), and Ross Gregory (71) trounced O'Reilly and the other bowlers, and to-day A. Hassett carried his score to 56, Frank Sides hit a bright 53 not out, and M. Sievers, the Test all-rounder, scored 33 in thirty-five minutes.

Victoria totalled 504, gaining a first

BRADMAN'S NEW STYLE IN CRICKET HATS

Don Bradman set a new fashion in hats in Adelaide last month. For a week the city had been sweltering in an early summer heat wave, and with the temperature well into the nineties Don led his team, Kensington, into the field wearing a khaki helmet.

Probably the heat wave reminded Don of Colombo, where the Aus-

innings lead of 210. New South Wales batted well in their second innings, and were 215 for three when stumps were drawn.

traliens wear sun helmets in their matches against Ceylon. Anyway, Don's helmet looked smart and cool, although it was a bit troublesome when he was fielding. He was compelled to retrieve the topee as well as the ball on several occasions when it fell off.

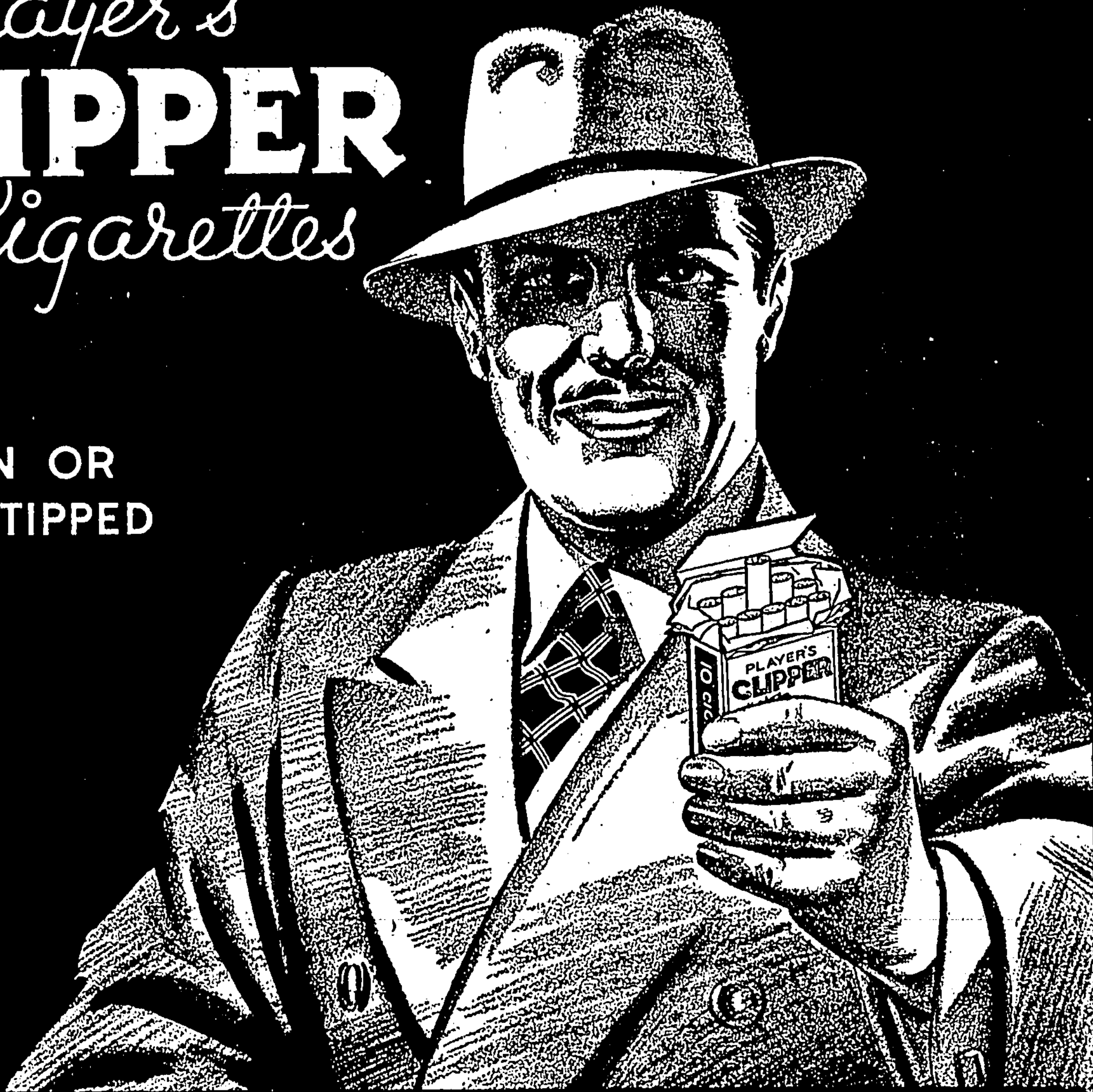
But at least it was a safeguard against sunstroke, and that is a big consideration when players are compelled to chase the ball in the broiling Australian heat.

R. Boyd's Trial For Huddersfield

Calgary (Alberta), (By Air-Mail).—Robert Boyd, known as the "Western greyhound" because of his speed at outside left, is leaving for England on January 12 for a trial with Huddersfield Town.

Boyd, who is 20 years of age, is a son of J. C. Boyd, who played as a professional for Kilmarnock and Airdrieonians thirty years ago. Young Boyd was born at Shotts, Lanarkshire, and has lived in Canada for ten years.

Joe Davis is the most modest and intelligent champion of all the champions in sport whom I have known.—Harold Lewis.



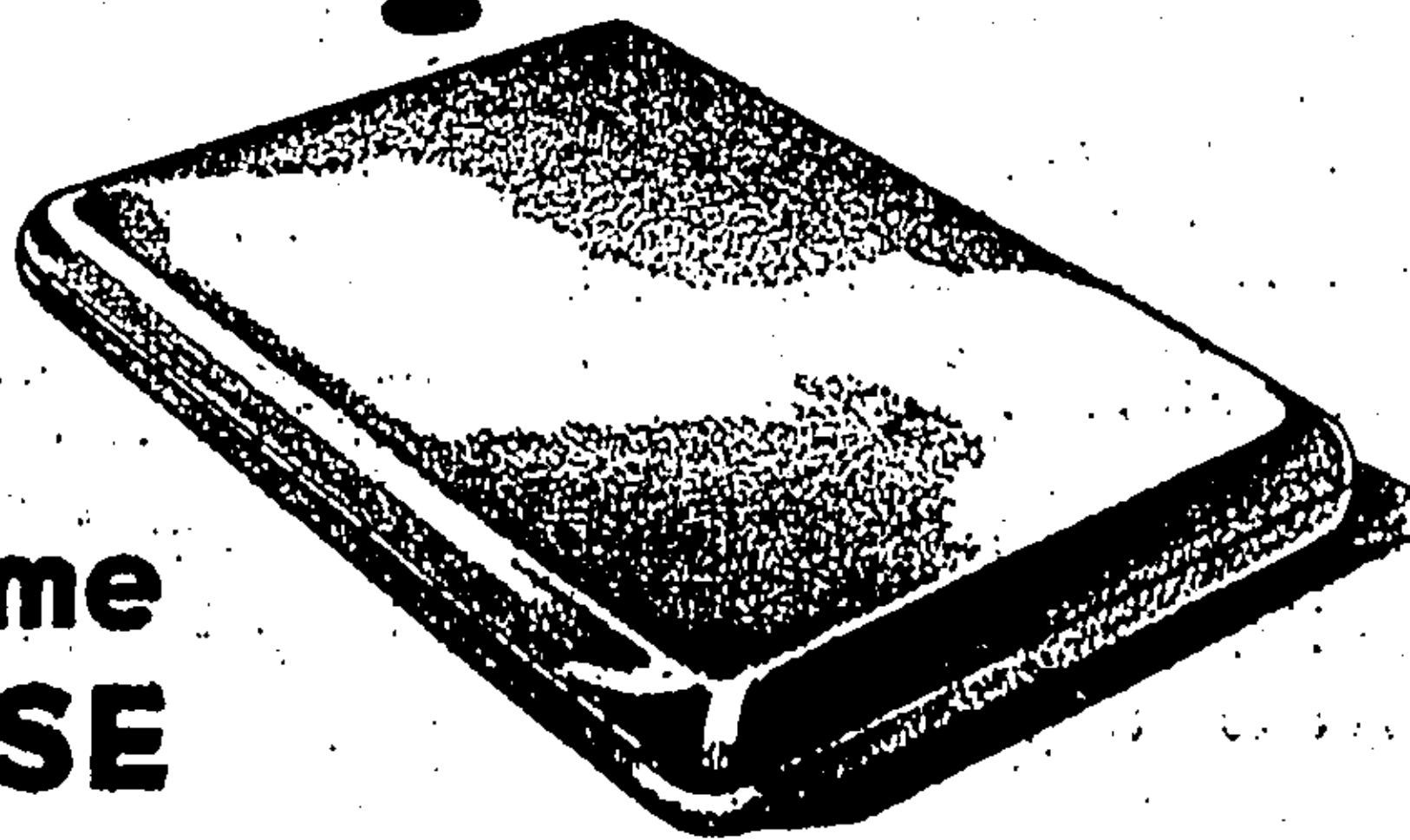
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West Brom's. Big Away Win

HENRY ARMSTRONG WINS NARROW VERDICT

Defends Welterweight Title
Against Former Holder

Las Angeles, To-day.
The world welterweight boxing champion, Henry Armstrong, last night narrowly outpointed Baby Arizmendi in a 10 round contest. The bout was recognised by the California State Boxing Commission as a titular bout, but not by the New York Athletic Commission, who will not recognise any title bout unless it is over 15 rounds.—Reuter.

BABE RUTH'S HEART ATTACK: YANKEE OWNER SERIOUSLY ILL

New York, To-day.

The world famous baseball star Babe Ruth was admitted to hospital last night suffering from a slight heart attack.

Babe Ruth lost 30 pounds in weight in six weeks as the results of an excessive reducing campaign in which he played innumerable round of golf and constantly exercised in a gymnasium. This is believed to have affected his heart.

By a curious coincidence, Col. Jacob Ruppert, the multi-millionaire brewer and owner of the New York Yankees is critically ill.

It is understood that he has received the last Catholic rites.

Col. Ruppert is suffering from a complication of diseases and is 71 years of age.—Reuter.

CLUB "A" XV BEAT SMALL SHIPS IN RUGBY GAME

A very scrappy Rugby game was witnessed on the Club ground yesterday when Club "A" fifteen beat the Small Ships by a goal (5 points) to a try (3 points).

D. I. Bosanquet was in very good form on Club's right wing and scored a spectacular try after a 60 yards run, R. G. L. Oliphant majorising the effort. Small Ships broke away in a loose dribble following which P. O. King scored an unconverted try near the corner flag.

J. Hutchinson, as right-centre three-quarter, was very elusive and kicked a good length ball to touch, while E. M. Watts, the left centre, was too selfish and was more often than not taken in possession.

J. Brown, shone at full-back, where he gave a very cool performance, his positional play being outstanding.

LEN HARVEY AND LARRY GAINS TO CLASH

London, To-day.

Larry Gains, the coloured Canadian heavyweight boxer, who has been fighting in England for several years, yesterday signed articles to fight Len Harvey, the present British champion, in a 15 round bout at the Harringay Stadium in the middle of March.

The British Boxing Board of Control will be asked to recognise the fight as for the British Empire Heavyweight championship.—Reuter.

MANCHESTER U. ELIMINATED FROM F.A. CUP

Many Matches Held
Yesterday.

HUDDERSFIELD HELD BY NOTTS FOREST

London, To-day.

Outstanding feature of yesterday's F. A. Cup programme, which included Third Round postponed matches and replays was West Bromwich's big away victory over Manchester United, who lost by 5 goals to 1, on their own ground.

Huddersfield, last year's finalists, were held at home to a goalless draw by Notts Forest, while Bolton and Middlesbrough were also featured in a goalless draw, after extra time in their replay.

Leicester caused some surprise when they eliminated Stoke by the odd goal in three away from home, while Aston Villa had a similar margin's victory over Ipswich Town, who have only just made their debut in the Third Division.

Several Scottish League matches were held yesterday, Falkirk gaining the only away win with a victory over Hamilton by 3 goals to 1.

Yesterday's results were:

F. A. CUP THIRD ROUND (POSTPONED TIES)

Huddersfield	0	Notts Forest	0
Leeds	3	Bournemouth	1
York	0	Millwall	5
Chesterfield	1	Southend	1

F. A. CUP THIRD ROUND (REPLAYS)

*Bolton	0	Middlesbro'	0
Ipswich	1	Aston Villa	2
Manchester U. 1	W. Bromwich	5	
Stoke	1	Leicester	2

LEAGUE-THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Cardiff	2	Bristol City	1
Mansfield	0	Newport	2
Reading	3	Watford	2

LEAGUE-THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Lincoln	2	Rochdale	2
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE-FIRST DIVISION

Albion	2	St. Mirren	1
Hamilton	1	Falkirk	3
Hearts	2	Ayr	0
Queen O'S.	0	Partick	0
Queen's Park	0	Motherwell	0
Rangers	4	Arbroath	0

* After extra time.

—Reuter.

FIRST ROUND DRAW FOR RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

London, To-day.

The First Round of the Rugby League Cup, which will take place on February 4, is as follows:

Liverpool	v	St. Helens Rec
Wigan	v	Leigh
Salford	v	St. Helens
Rochdale	v	Warrington

Hull Kingston Rovers	v	Hull
Broughton	v	Wakefield
Higginshaw	v	Swinton
Hunslet	v	United Glass Blowers

Bradford Northern	v	Seaton
Keighley	v	York
Featherstone	v	Batley
Leeds	v	Huddersfield

Charlton Red Rose	v	Bramley
Oldham	v	Castleford
Widnes	v	Dewsbury
Halifax	v	Barrow

—Reuter.



N. Whitley (C.B.A.) is seen above about to tackle the Police "A" left-winger in last Sunday's Hockey Association Tournament encounter at Boundary Street, which resulted in a win for C.B.A. by the odd goals in three. ("China Mail" photo).

BRADMAN ASKED TO MAKE REPORT ON PLAYING CONDITIONS

Australian Cricket Tour
In England

AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE

Melbourne, December 30.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control has decided to ask Don Bradman, the Australian Test team captain, to submit a report to the Board of Australian team's recent tour in England, particularly with regard to playing conditions, and has invited him to the next meeting of the Board before the conditions of the next tour have been decided upon. This decision by the Board is unprecedented.

On their return to Australia from England several players complained that the tour had been too strenuous, and suggested that some of the less important fixtures might be combined to cut out unnecessary travelling.

The Board reported that the M.C.C. had agreed to their suggestion that the playing and financial conditions of the last two tours in Australia and England should be standard conditions in the future, subject to any alteration at the request of either party.

NO 30-HOUR TESTS

A decision regarding an application from S. Barnes (New South Wales), who seeks his release from the contract clause relating to going to England to play cricket within two years of the 1938 tour, is being conveyed to Barnes privately.

The Board to-day considered a letter from the M.C.C. suggesting 30-hour Tests, and decided that it would be inimical to the interests of the game in Australia to abandon the "limitless" Tests there.

The Board, however, welcomed the suggestion to increase to five days in Tests in England, providing that this would not upset the existing rule regarding the final match, which is played to a finish.—Exchange.

RECREIO'S BADMINTON SENSATION

Recreio caused a sensation last night in the "B" Division of the Badminton League when they defeated the holders, St. John's, by 6 games to 3, their two leading pairs winning all three of their engagements.

In another "B" Division encounter, Kowloon Tong proved much too strong for St. Andrew's, winning by nine clear games.

Scores were:

RECREIO WIN

Recreio beat St. John's by 6 games to 3.

A. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio) beat F. H. Kwok and R. Bevan 21—18
beat N. Smith and P. Wilson 21—19
beat D. Kwok and F. Newman 21—17

C. N. da Silva and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio) beat F. H. Kwok and R. Bevan 21—17
beat N. Smith and P. Wilson 21—17
beat D. Kwok and F. Newman 24—23

H. F. Gonsalves and M. M. Soares (Recreio) lost to F. H. Kwok and R. Bevan 21—18
lost to N. Smith and P. Wilson 18—21
lost to D. Kwok and F. Newman 12—21

K. TONG ON TOP

Kowloon Tong beat St. Andrews by a clear game.

F. Cheng and Lee Kam-ming (K. Tong) beat I. Gibson and S. Darby 21—3
beat A. S. Bliss and W. Knox 21—16
beat Tomlinson and S. A. Broadbridge 21—12

Peter Lo and P. Fletcher (K. Tong) beat Gibson and Darby 21—3
beat Bliss and Knox 21—6
beat Tomlinson and Broadbridge 21—11

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong) beat Gibson and Darby 21—2
beat Bliss and Knox 21—4
beat Tomlinson and Broadbridge 21—6

U.S.R.C. BEAT GOVT. HOUSE AT LAWN BOWLS

At King's Park yesterday, United Services Recreation Club beat a Government House team, led by His Excellency the Governor, by a margin of 11 shots. U.S.R.C. scored 70 shots as against 59 by the visitors.

Barbara Gilmar In Recital From The Studio

To-day's Wireless

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London Relay: Recital By B.B.C. Singers

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Hill Billy Music.
Blazin' The Trail (Whitcup & Powell); Twilight On The Trail (from 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robinson); We'll Rest At The End Of The Trail (Poulton & Rose); The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.
Roll Along Covered Wagon (Kennedy); Walsh and Barker (Duet-tists) with Piano and Guitar.
My Swiss Hill Billy (film 'Lovely to look at'); There's A Gold Mine In The Sky (C. & N. Kenny); The Three Musketeers and Rae Jenkins' Buskers.
Hill Billy Songs—Medley... Carson Robison & His Pioneers.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—De Groot (Violin) with his Trio & Orchestra.
Selection Of Chopin Melodies (arr. De Groot); De Groot (Violin), David Bor (Piano) and Reginald Kilbey (Cello).
Der Kaspec (De Groot) ... De Groot & His Orchestra.
"Samson And Delilah"—Selection (Saint-Saens); "Louise"—Selection (Charpentier); I Love You (Grieg); Romance (Rubinstein) ... De Groot & His Orchestra.
Serenade (Schubert) ... De Groot (Violin), A. Gibrilero (Piano) and J. Sametini (Cello).
Only For You (Strong) ... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—An English Variety Pro-

gramme with Gracie Fields, Stanley Holloway, Elsie & Boris Waters, and Jack Payne & His Band.
Ahl Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert, Young) ... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
When April Comes Again—Fox-Trot; With All My Heart (film 'Her Master's Voice')—Fox-Trot ... Jack Payne & His Band.
The 'Ole In The Ark (Marriott Edgar) ... Humorous Monologue by Stanley Holloway with Piano.
The Love Parade—Selection (Grey & Schertzing) ... Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with vocal chorus.
London Pride (Thomson & Sterne) ... Elsie & Boris Waters (Comediennes).
Ring Down The Curtain (Miller-Ida); Did I Remember (film 'Suzy') ... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Barbara Gilmar (Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.
1. Vienna, City of My Dreams (film 'Heart's Desire').
2. Mazurka (from the film) ... Barbara Gilmar with Piano accomp. by A. T. Lay.
3. Gavotte (Balfour Gardiner) ... A. T. Lay at the Piano.
4. I Give My Heart (Operetta 'The Dubarry').
5. Love Made The Song (from 'Careless Rapture') ... Barbara Gilmar with Piano accomp. by A. T. Lay.
6. London Bridge (Balfour Gar-

diner) ... A. T. Lay at the Piano.
7. Musetta's Waltz (from Puccini's 'La Boheme').
8. One Fine Day (from Puccini's 'Madam Butterfly') ... Barbara Gilmar with Piano accomp. by A. T. Lay.
7.32 p.m.—Harry Goss-Custard at the Organ.
Evening Song (Bairdrow); La Nuit (Elert) ... played on the Organ of Liverpool Cathedral.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
1. Overture "Raymond" (Ambroise Thomas).
Interval
The Turtle Dove (arr. Williams); To Shorten Winter's Sadness (Weekes, arr. Fellowes) ... The English Singers unaccomp.
2. Mattinata Inutile (Bonelli).
3. Intermezzo (Siade).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
4. Valse "Yrelise" (Militello).
5. Casanova (Suite (Bece)).
Interval
Bouquet Of Spanish Songs.
... Sevillian Serenaders.
6. Ballet for Orchestra (Francis Popy): (a) Mazurka; (b) Pizzicati; (c) Valse Lente; (d) Largo; (e) Calop.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quickstep—My Gal Mezzanine; Slow Fox-Trot—Just Remember ... Gerry Moore (Piano) in Strict Dance Tempo.
Fox-Trots—In A Little French Casino; Smile When You Say Good-bye (film 'The Show Goes On') ... Jay Wilbur & His Band with Vocal Chorus by Jack Cooper.
Fox-Trot—Sweet Lelani (film 'Waikiki Wedding') ... Billy Cotton & His Band.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Af-

fairs'. A talk by Lord Hailey.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Some New Variety Numbers.
Vocal—Rockin' Chair (Carmichael) ... Mills Brothers Quartet with Guitar.
Mouth Organ—Night Over Shanghai (film 'The Singing Marine'); You Can't Run Away From Love Tonight (film 'The Singing Marine') ... Larry Adler (The Mouth Organ Virtuoso) with Orchestra.
Vocal—The Sunny Side Of Things (film 'Breaking The Ice') ... Bobby Breen with Victor Young and His Orchestra.
Humorous Monologue—Much Ado About Little Or Nothing; Gardening—What To Do With Your Aspidistra ... Oliver Wakefield.
Vocal—The Village Band (Donop-Kirsten); Now We'll Drink Just One More (Schwabach) ... Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
10.15 p.m.—Massed Military Band Music.
Grand March "Le Prophète" (Meyerbeer, arr. Reynolds); Sing A Song (Iles); "Champion" March Medley (Ord Hume); May-Day Revels (from Suite: Rural Scenes in Days of Old—Samuel Cope); Hipp, Hipp, Hurray!—March ... Massed Military Bands.
10.20 p.m.—London Relay—A Recital by The B.B.C. Singers, conducted by Trevor Harvey.
Lo Where with Flowery Head (Morley); Ah Dear Heart (Gibbons); Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers (Wilbye); On the Plains, Fairy Trains (Weekes); O Grief Even on the Bud; Fire, Fire my Heart (Morley); Crowned with Flowers (Byrd); Ye that do Live in Pleasures (Wilbye); Music Divine (Tomkins); This Sweet and Merry Month (Byrd); Welcome, Sweet Pleasure (Weekes); All Creatures Now (Bennet). (All edited by E. H. Fellowes).
11 p.m.—Close down.

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♠ A K 9 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9 8
 ♦ A 5 4
 ♣ J 10 9 7
 6 2
 ♥ J 5 4
 ♦ J 10 3
 ♣ Q J 10 3
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 ♦ A J 5 3 2
 ♣ 7 6
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 ♠ 3
 ♥ 10 8 2
 ♦ 10 7 6 4
 ♣ K 9 8 2
 S
 ♠ A K 8 5 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A J 5 3 2
 ♣ 7 6

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
 Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of clubs. Winning with the Ace, Declarer played the King of trumps and now decided that it was necessary to draw three more rounds. He first discarded his club on dummy's two top hearts, then played the Queen of spades and next three more trumps. Declarer now hope-fully played spades, confidently ex-pecting that the suit would be divid-ed 4-3. When that failed, he was set.

What a simple hand to make! After discovering the bad trump break, the Queen of spades should be cashed, then the nine of di-amonds led from dummy. It wouldn't do East any good to cover, and the nine would hold the trick. The two top hearts should now be played from dummy, and next a club ruffed in Declarer's hand. A small spade should now be played and trumped with dummy's Queen of diamonds. Following this trumps can now be safely drawn, and if the spade suit were divided, a Grand Slam would be made. However, since spades as well as trumps were badly distributed, Declarer would finally have to concede a spade trick. De-clarer could have made his Slam in perfect safety in spite of bad breaks.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"I Cover The War." Starring John Wayne and having as its background the revolt of Arab tribes against British rule in Mesopotamia, the picture tells of a little-known episode in history. Wayne portrays a daredevil American camera-man who is assigned to the dangerous task of photographing a mysterious and sinister native chieftain. The cast includes Gwen Gaze, Don Barclay, Pat Somerset and Major Sam Harris.

AT THE KING'S—"Lord Jeff", with Freddie Bartholomew, Mickey Rooney and Herbert Mundin. A dramatic story of the training of boys for Britan's future Merchant Marine, Freddie portrays a boy, represented as a scien-tist of nobility by crooks, who finds regen-eration and a new destiny when sent to the English training school, part of the Barbardo Homes, institution in England. Mickey is a student petty officer, first Freddie's Nemesis, later his friend. The desperate fight be-tween the two boys, the great boat race, the mast-climbing contests and other nautical school thrills mingle with human and dramatic touches in settings which are authentic and elab-orate.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Carnival Queen", with Robert Wilcox, Dorothea Kent Hobart Cavanaugh. A story of love at Carnival time.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Give Me A Sailor", with Martha Raye, Bob Hope, Betty Grable, Jack Whiting and J. C. Nugent. The story concerns a con-tract, made in childhood, by which two brothers promise to marry two sisters, and the efforts of one of the young men to evade its terms. As the plot unrolls, Miss Raye, the ugly duckling of the family, turns into a beauty with a nation-wide reputation and the win-ner of a coast-to-coast legs contest, while her sister, loses out on the field of love when she turns out to be a dunce in the kitchen.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"You're Only Young Once." When Judge Hardy goes on his overdue vacation, fishing, he finds himself launched on a sea of troubles that threaten to submerge his entire family until he hits on the ap-propriate remedy. With Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney, Fay Holden, Frank Craven and Ann Ru-therford. Reviewed elsewhere.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Spy Ring", with William Hall and Jane Wyman. The story concerns the efforts of a group of clever international spies, headed by Jane Carleton and Leon Ames to steal from the United States army a valuable new invention. The story was written by George Waggoner and produced by the Trem Carr unit of Universal.



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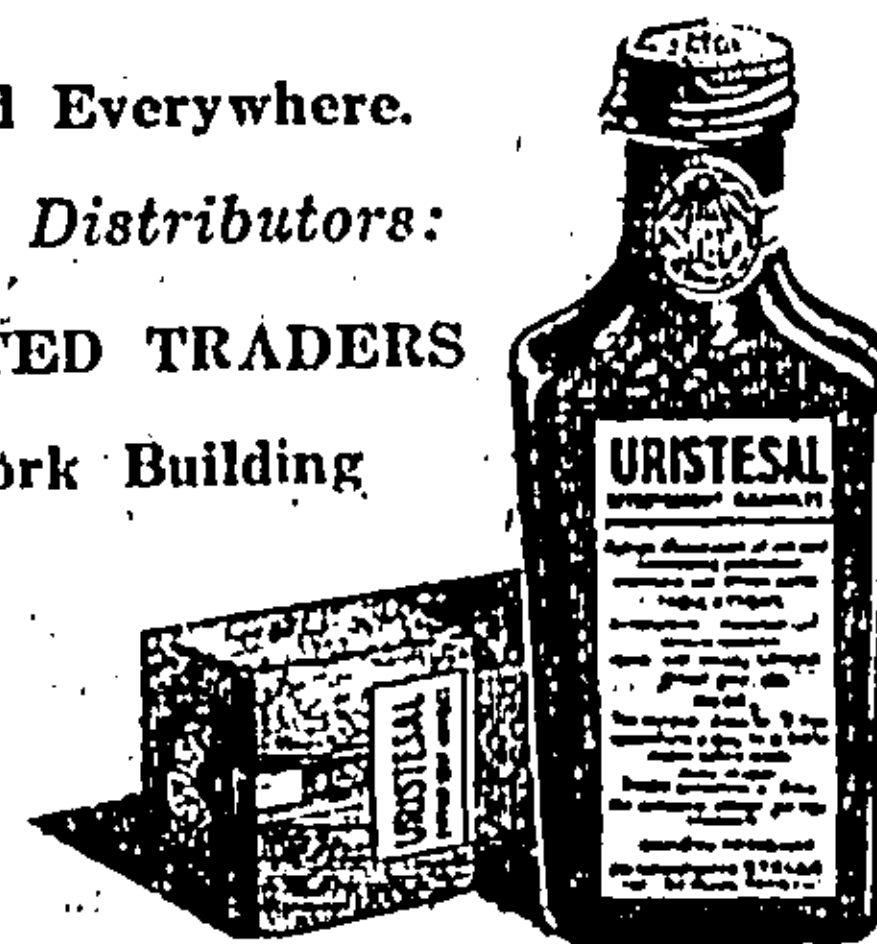
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Major-General Thomas, Chief of the Economic Section of the Reich War Ministry, in an address in Weimar, issued a solemn warning against the increasingly frequent use of the word "Blitzkrieg" that is "lightning war", and insisted that, in the organisation of economic preparedness for war, despite all optimism, it would be necessary to act as though the worst possible case was certain to arise, namely a war lasting for a very long time.

JAPAN HAD LEARNED THE COURSE A WAR COULD TAKE.

General Thomas spoke of the experience gained in 1938 which in his opinion had confirmed the following:

(1) the necessity of a uniform economic defence organisation, especially for States unable to produce all that a war required, the need of such an organisation having very greatly hampered Japan,

(2) the necessity of recognising that the economic basis of the State is just as determinative for the conduct of war as its military equipment, hence it is of particular importance that the economic preparations for war of all possible opponents should be carefully watched,

(3) the necessity for making due provision for the human material

required in the event of a conflict.

General Thomas expressed the view that the latter question would be one of the most difficult in any future war because of the intimate reflex effects between the front and those at home. For countries with small mineral wealth, economy in raw materials reserves was urgently necessary. An increase of home production in every form and a study of the question of economic war was demanded.

"Foreign trade must be so transformed," he stated, "that economic warfare would be weakened to the greatest possible extent. Moreover active preparations must be made to answer economic warfare with effective counter-

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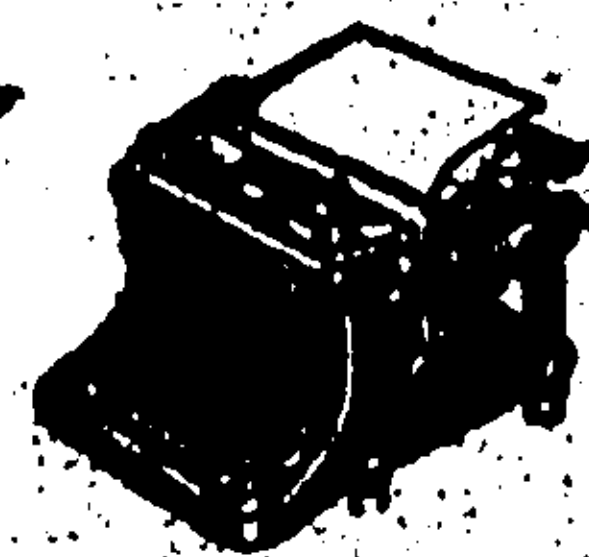
The Japanese example had shown that internal war finance becomes the more difficult the weaker the fiscal capacity and capital reserves of the country are at the time of the outbreak of hostilities. Internal finance, however, was relatively less important than the external finance.

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